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State Is Redistricted Enlistment Pastors' Territory Designated

The Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board ordered a redistricting of the state into five districts in the State Evangelistic work. Below is listed the associations comprising each district and the district man assigned to the respective districts:

*Jas. B. Ray, Tupelo

1. Tishomingo.
2. Itawamba.
3. Lee.
4. Lee.
5. Prentiss.
6. Alcorn.
7. Tippah.
8. Union.
9. Pontotoc.
10. Benton.
11. Marshall.
12. Lafayette.
13. DeSoto.
14. Tate.
15. Panola.
15. Riverside (3).

E. D. Estes, Eupora

1. Monroe.
2. Lowndes.
3. Noxubee.
4. Winston.
5. Oktibbeha.
6. Clay.
7. Chickasaw.
8. Calhoun.
9. Webster.
10. Choctaw.
11. Attala.
12. Montgomery.
13. Grenada.
14. Yalobusha.
15. Carroll.
16. Tallahatchie.

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Laurel and Jones County Are Grateful

First, we are grateful for an executive secretary who has a vision of evangelism and who planned a statewide campaign in that direction. Then, we are grateful for the choice he made in securing the services of Hyman Appelman as the evangelist. We are confident it was a Spirit-led choice.

Our hearts have been made to throb with indescribable Christian joy and gratitude to our heavenly Father for the blessings brought to Laurel and Jones county through the all-surrendered ministry of Brother Appelman and his co-workers. For two weeks Bro. Appelman spoke from four to six times a day, going from one end of our county to the other preaching without deviation, the matchless power of Christ to save. Eight hundred and ninety-one came forward declaring definitely their decision for Christ as Saviour and many

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SOME GREAT BIBLE DOCTRINES WHAT BAPTISTS BELIEVE ABOUT REPENTANCE

GLENN ERIC WILEY, Pastor

First Baptist Church, Grenada, Miss.

(Below we publish another of a series of articles on great Bible doctrines, precious to Baptists. They are written by Mississippians, who know and love Mississippi Baptist work. Next week the subject will be "Justification."—Editor.)



GLENN ERIC WILEY

Somewhere, I read a story of a man who awoke one morning to find himself in a jail cell, and upon inquiry, learned that he had been arrested for committing a murder while drunk. Horrified, he cried: "My God! Don't let my wife know about this." Then, to his dismay, he was told: "It was your wife you murdered!"

That man was more concerned

about his wife and her resultant suffering on account of his sin than he was about himself or his expected punishment.

When a man so sees his sin, in the light of God's grace, love, righteousness and perfection, that he understands it for what it is, he is in a fair attitude to repent. When he realizes that the Son of God hung on Calvary's cross as a substitute, a vicarious sacrifice, to atone for the sinner's sin, he begins to understand just how terrible sin is, and if it produces in his soul a revulsion toward sin, and causes him to hate himself for what he is, and makes him long to crawl up to that cross and beg the Saviour to have mercy on him, and forgive him, and let him serve Him all his days, out of gratitude for that tremendous sacrifice, this sinner has begun to show signs of genuine repentance.

All this is true because repentance is not fear, feeling, remorse, penance, or the lopping off of one or more bad habits, but repentance is an intellectual conception, together with a heartfelt realization of the contemptible nature of sin, coupled with a sincere desire to turn from sin. It is not fear of punishment here or hereafter that produces it, but an abhorrence of self for having brought

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\$5,000 GIVEN TO MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

New Term Begins March 16

During the Christmas holiday season Mississippi College was the recipient of a gift of \$5,000.00 from a Mississippi family that has shown its loyalty and devotion to the college through the years in gifts, patronage, and in unselfish service. This gift is to be used in some distinctive way to be decided and announced at a later date.

We have also received \$500.00 from a friend in another state to be used on the administration building, which we hope to construct soon after the war is over.

The Patterson Memorial Fund, as it comes in, is being invested in government bonds. The interest for the present will be used to take care of the incidental expense. None of the principal will be used for this purpose.

A new 16-week term will begin on March 3rd. Two hundred twenty-

four new navy students are scheduled to enter at this time. One hundred twenty-six of the old navy students will remain for further study and training. We are expecting to have over two hundred civilian students for the new term, making more than five hundred fifty in all, which gives all of us plenty to do, for which we are thankful and happy.

We had the pleasure of having the Executive Secretary of the Convention Board, Dr. D. A. McCall, to preach for us at the Clinton Baptist Church on Sunday evening, February 6. As is his custom, he brought an inspiring message. There were eight candidates awaiting baptism. The church being without a pastor, asked Dr. McCall to administer this beautiful and meaningful ordinance, which he did in an impressive way.

D. M. NELSON, President,
Mississippi College,
Clinton, Mississippi.

3 - Day Conference



DR. W. HERSEY DAVIS

Louisville, Kentucky

Dr. W. Hersey Davis, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is outstanding in his knowledge of scriptural interpretation. He will be in Jackson February 28-March 1 to conduct the "Bible Study in Evangelism" at the Evangelistic Conference which will be held in connection with the Hyman Appelman revival.

Everybody is invited to hear Dr. Davis.

THREE DAY EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE JACKSON

February 28-March 1, 1944

D. A. McCall, Presiding

Monday

Morning Session

- 9:15—Song and Prayer—
Carl Kosanke.
9:30—My Favorite Revival Sermon—
B. W. Walker.
10:00—Gospel Message
—Hyman Appelman.
11:15—Planning for Revival—D. Swar Haworth.
Noon.

Afternoon Session

- 2:25—Song and Prayer—
Carl Kosanke.
2:30-4:30—Bible Study in Evangelism—W. H. Davis.

Evening Session

7:30

Song and Prayer Service.
Gospel Message—Hyman Appelman.

Tuesday

Morning Service

- 9:15—Song and Prayer—
Carl Kosanke.
9:30—My Favorite Revival Sermon—
E. J. Caswell.
10:00—Gospel Message
—Hyman Appelman.
11:15—Message and Methods During Revival—C. Z. Holland.
Noon.

Afternoon Session

- 2:25—Song and Prayer—
Carl Kosanke.
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Sparks & Splinters

In the last two revivals conducted by Evangelist Hyman J. Appelman to the glory of God there were two hundred actual conversions and additions in Compton, California, and eight hundred and ninety-one actual conversions and transfers of membership in the county-wide meeting in Laurel, Mississippi. Revival fires are really beginning to burn everywhere.

We begin our meeting at Mt. Oral church, Jones county, Friday night, February 18. Brother L. D. Morgan of Pasadena, Texas, a former Mississippian, will be the visiting preacher. We plead for the prayers of our friends that we may have a genuine revival.—Bryan Simmons, pastor.

Naval chaplain class 27-43 recently graduated at Williamsburg, Virginia. There were 6 Methodists; 4 Presbyterians; 3 Catholics; 2 Episcopalians; 1 Lutheran and 1 Evangelical and Reformed. There were no Baptists.

It will interest our readers to know that we mail out approximately 500 copies of The Baptist Record each week to members of the armed service. Almost every day a letter comes from some of these expressing their appreciation to their churches for The Baptist Record.

Tylertown: Last year our church contributed \$700.30 more to outside causes than it did to home causes.

Things are on the move at East McComb church. A week ago the Training Union attendance was 162. They have organized two new unions and are planning a third.

According to a report from Dr. Austin Crouch, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the South, Mississippi contributions to South-wide funds in 1943 totaled \$207,763.01. The 1942 contributions totaled \$137,115.21, or an increase for 1943 of \$70,647.80. Dr. Crouch also reports the total receipts for 1943 as \$4,239,529.76—an increase of \$1,239,404.71 over 1942.

Sand Hill Baptist Church, Greene county, will have a revival beginning February 21 and ending March 3. M. E. Perry will do the preaching assisted by Bro. Grissom and E. L. Scruggs. The public is cordially invited.—Truman Walley, church clerk.

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: Rev. William W. Miller, Scooba; Mrs. C. H. Boteler, Florence; Rev. B. L. McKee, Gallman; Mrs. M. O. Patterson, Clinton; Rev. Howard Benson, Terry; Dr. D. M. Nelson, Clinton, and Dr. Walter L. Johnson, Philadelphia.

William Potter, formerly pastor at McLain, has been called as pastor of the Calvary church, Neosho, Mo., and moved on the field. He describes the church as fully cooperative, having standard departmental work, and a fine opportunity for service.

On February 6 H. H. Bass resigned the pastorate of Mt. Zion church, DeSoto county to open a mission at Turrell, Ark. Turrell presents one of as needy fields as one may find in our Southern states. Scores of people are not being reached by any one. This work is being sponsored by the Baptist church of West Memphis, Ark., E. B. Abington, pastor. Prayers of the brethren are earnestly requested.—Mrs. H. H. Bass.

Harperville church has been without a pastor for several months. Brother W. R. Medlin resigned to accept a commission as chaplain. Dr. Wayne Allison has been supply pastor for several months. G. W. Smith has been called to Walnut Grove and Harperville and expects to move on the field before March 1. The church and pastorum have been repaired and painted throughout. All organizations of the church are doing good work.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has been called by President Charles W. Daniel, El Dorado, Ark., to meet in Nashville March 15 to consider matters to be presented to the forthcoming convention in Atlanta, May 16-18.

The Sunday School Times announced January 1 that because of the paper shortage and a new rule of the WPB it will have to reduce the number of pages.

The many friends of Rev. D. I. Young, pastor of Eden church, will sympathize with him and his family in the recent death of his brother who resided at York, Ala.

The goal of increasing our state Baptist papers to a circulation of 500,000 by the Centennial in 1945 is the most important matter before Southern Baptists. It will help every cause and agency we have. We can do it—we must do it.—L. R. Scarborough.

I am 93, and have been scribbling around for the press for more than sixty years. They call me a veteran newsman, whatever that may mean. However, I sometimes pride myself rather boastfully, on being something of a judge of what a newspaper should be. If you ask me, I think The Baptist Record is nearer being what I think a religious newspaper should be than any other religious journal I have ever seen.—Jim Walton, Louisville, Miss.

Watts Memorial, Pascagoula: Sunday School Secretary E. C. Williams is to lead our Sunday school teachers and workers in a study of "Building a Standard Sunday School," beginning February 20 to continue through the 25th. He will speak at the morning service on the 20th.—J. F. Brantley.

Bro. Giles P. Walton of Leakey, Texas, in renewing his subscription to the Record, says, "I sure wish to be a reader of the Record the rest of my life."

Detroit, Mich.—(RNS)—The suggestion of Mayor Orville L. Hubbard that Dearborn City Council meetings be opened with prayer, as are the sessions of Congress and the state legislature, were rejected by a vote of 4 to 3 at a council meeting yesterday.

Rev. L. W. Roberts in sending in an EVERY FAMILY list from Mt. Pisgah, Enid, Miss., says, "A good friend of the church offered to pay for these subscriptions. He is a member of the First church at Grenada and is in very high standing of the affairs of this church."

Not often does a father succeed son as pastor, but it has happened in Mississippi. Rev. G. H. Skutt succeeds his son, Rev. C. H. Skutt at Skene, and from reports he is going places. We understand that prayer meeting attendance is averaging around 85 which is good for a church of that size.

Announcement has been made by Dr. Hugh R. Munro, president of the American Tract Society with headquarters at 21 West 46th street, New York, of the retirement, on March 1st, of Rev. Wm. H. Matthews, D.D., as general secretary of the society after twenty-two years of service. Dr. Matthews will be succeeded by Rev. T. Christie Innes, M.A., M.R.A.S., of Toronto, Canada, who has just tendered his resignation as pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church in that city.

The Executive Committee of the W. M. U., Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, decided at its regular meeting in Birmingham February 1, to hold their Convention in Oklahoma City, September 20-21, instead of in Atlanta when the Southern Baptist Convention meets there May 16-18. This was made necessary because of the present restricted hotel facilities and congested traffic conditions. This will be the first time these two organizations have met at separate times and places.

The Committee on Order of Business for the next session of the Southern Baptist Convention met in Nashville February 8 and prepared the streamlined program, which will be published in due time. This committee, which was appointed by the Convention in San Antonio in 1942, is as follows: R. Kelly White, chairman, Nashville; J. Winston Pearce, Durham, N. C.; Joe H. Hankins, Pine Bluff, Ark.; C. B. Bowen, Jackson, Miss.; Guy Atkinson, Cartersville, Ga.

The President's Birthday Ball (the Roosevelt Romp) furnishes a pious motive—that of helping victims of infantile paralysis—for what a lot of people like to do anyway, and for which they would find some other excuse in the absence of this one. Yes, come what may, itching feet will find a way—Magnolia bulletin.

Raleigh, N. C. (RNS)—With increases reported in gifts and contributions, the North Carolina Baptist Convention during 1943 experienced its best financial year in history, according to a report by L. L. Morgan, secretary. Morgan revealed that the Convention during the past year received a total of \$6,454,818.82 in gifts for all purposes, an increase of \$974,809.82, or 17.8 per cent, over the previous year. Gifts for missions, educational institutions, and benevolences, Morgan reported, totaled \$1,420,869.19 during the past year, an increase of \$304,595.57 over 1942, and gifts for local work last year totaled \$5,033,949.63, or an increase of 15.4 per cent over 1942.

Stockholm (By Wireless to RNS)—The Rev. Kaj Munk, militant anti-Nazi clergyman and Denmark's leading playwright, has been found murdered in the woods near his home at Vedersoe, on the west coast of Jutland, an authoritative report here states. The crime is believed to have been committed by Danish Nazis. This belief is based on statements by witnesses that four men pretending to be officials raided the clergyman's home and were seen shortly afterwards hustling him into a car. The party drove off rapidly in the direction of the forest of Slikeborg, in Jutland, where the bullet-ridden body was discovered the following morning. Slikeborg is the headquarters of General Herman von Hanneken, commander of the German occupation forces.

Water Valley: Everything is going nicely at the church. The pastor had a raise in salary at the first of the year. Good attendance and a good spirit in all the services.—W. C. Howard, pastor.

The Southern Seminary has just experienced a great week in connection with her third missionary day of the present term. The speaker of the occasion was Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of the Bellevue church of Memphis. Dr. Lee, who needs no introduction to Southern Baptists was presented to the faculty and the student body by Dr. W. H. Davis, who heads the department of New Testament interpretation of the Seminary. In his presentation of Dr. Lee, Dr. Davis mentioned the fact that Bellevue church was this year giving more than \$80,000 to missions and had recently given to the Seminary Memorial Chapel fund a check for \$5,000. Speaking on the subject, "The Pastor and Missions," Dr. Lee said, "This is an age of great perversity such as the world has hardly ever known. Yet out of the greatest perversity has come some of the greatest preaching. Despite this sin the preacher still has a place to fill. Out of 1,600,000,000 people in the world statistics will show that 1,200,000,000 of them are lost. Because of this we need more power. This power will come only through our prayer life."

Stockholm (By Wireless to RNS)—Because he offered prayers for imprisoned Norwegian clergymen, Pastor Tori of Grua, Norway, was arrested by German police and is now in Kongsvingers prison near Oslo. Concluding his sermon at Sunday morning services, the pastor led his congregation in prayers for Norway's imprisoned and exiled bishops and clergymen. Immediately, a member of the congregation rose from his seat, left the church, and returned in a few minutes accompanied by a German police officer. The officer refused to permit the clergyman to conclude the service but hustled him to a motorcycle outside.

Stockholm (By Wireless)—Defying legal decrees outlawing the denomination in Rumania, Baptists in that country continue to hold religious services in homes and secret meeting places, a well-informed Swedish churchman told Religious News Service here. He stated that illegal meetings are taking place more and more frequently, and that the condition of the Baptist body which, before its dissolution in December, 1942, embraced 1,600 churches with a membership of 70,000, is still "strong."

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Volunteer participation of pastors and people is being relied on to complete the Blue Mountain College endowment fund. Is your church on the Glory Roll? Why not get it there at once?

**Baptist Record Circulation
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Circulation This Week

39,401

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Last Report**

Paul's Method: "I kept back nothing that was profitable, but have shewed you and taught you publickly, and from house to house." Acts. 20:20

A CORRECTION: The lost people of the world today total 1,500,000,000 rather than the figure as given under Roman IV of last week's issue.

I

On another page in this issue we are giving the new district set-up as ordered by the Convention and the Convention Board. These instructions coupled with the Convention Board budget allowance for this work necessitated the Enlistment Pastors be reduced in number from eight to five. That everyone may understand the task faced by the Executive Committee in carrying out the above instructions you will please note carefully the following:

The two evangelists, Brethren Hilbun and Kyzar, have salaries designated by two individuals, namely, Mr. R. G. LeTourneau and Mr. W. L. Perry. In addition, Brother Kyzar has his expenses provided. These items total \$6100 as set up in the Convention Board budget.

EVANGELISM (salaries and expense), i. e., Enlistment Pastors

We have a budget item in the amount of \$12,400. Each enlistment pastor receives \$2700 salary (though he provides his own home), and a maximum of \$720 annual expense. These two items total \$3,420 per man. At this rate the salaries and expenses of three men would total \$10,260. In addition, the expense of Brother Hilbun must come out of this item, which added to the \$10,260 makes a total of \$10,980. In addition the three months' salaries of the two men being released must be paid out of this item. These salaries will total \$1200, which added to the \$10,980 will make a total of \$12,180. Their maximum expense of \$32 for January must also come out of this item. Adding the \$82 to the \$12,180 we have a grand total of \$12,262. Subtract this amount from the total budget item of \$12,400 of this work and we have a balance of \$138.00 in this account.

These three enlistment pastors, plus the two specially supported men are all the budget provides for 1944.

This brought the Executive Committee face to face with the unenviable task of employing five men and releasing two men. Brethren Hightower and McLaurin came to the Board as temporary workers, on a temporary job, namely, the NOW CLUB. We make no attempt at speaking for the Executive Committee but this and similar items doubtless figured in the very difficult choice. In addition, neither came from a pastorate.

We are sure we speak the sincere appreciation of Mississippi Baptists for their efforts in the Now Club promotion.

II

Ira John, who is church clerk of Canaan church, one of our Indian churches, sends in a mission offering amounting to \$3.14 for January 1944. Incidentally, that is \$3.14 more than 300 of our white Baptist churches in Mississippi did during twelve months last year.

First Baptist Church of Picayune sends \$806.88 to the Cooperative Program for causes included for the month of January alone. That is certainly a fine response. Small wonder Pastor Estes and his people are happy and progressing in the work of Christ. Doxology!

A most impressive ordination service was held at First church, Natchez, the first Sunday of this month. Dr. W. A. Sullivan used some original ideas in presenting Brother Weeks for ordination. Dr. B. B. Hall delivered the charge. Your secretary was privileged to preach the sermon. The music was excellent, and the large congregation was attentive.

At night we were preaching in our own church at Clinton. Two by letter. We baptized seven. Congregation was again large. This good church presses on in the work while pastorless.

The outlook for Mississippi College is bright. Over two hundred navy men will come in soon. The Spirit of God hovers over the school.

Excellent reports are heard from the Bible Institutes for Negroes at Clarksdale and Yazoo City.

Mr. Fred Langley agreed to help us set up our Service Men's Department over the State. He rendered invaluable assistance to this office, helped in local situations and established contacts with chaplains. As he leaves this department he carries our deepest appreciation. The work was voluntary on his part which adds to the lustre of it. We are increasing State Mission service to local situations in the Service Men's Department, thus intensifying our efforts.

III

God's people need a coordinated program. For instance, in Acts 1:8 we have Jerusalem (local mission work), Judea (state mission work), Samaria (home mission work), and "unto the uttermost part of the earth" (foreign mission work)! When have you ever seen or heard the four given a proportionate and sustained emphasis in a given conference, or course of study? Usually we rush in and out with a local church program. Another later comes along for a brief State Mission emphasis. We, then, after months, have a Home Mission or Foreign Mission emphasis. Our people therefore, seldom think of the Acts 1:8 program as a whole. They think of it in fragmentary terms, rather than in its entirety.

If our leaders would get together on such an intensive and comprehensive program, sympathetically administered, we believe multitudes of Baptists would support it!

IV

If you do not believe in making good resolutions, you do not believe in improvement and enrichment of life. Had the Prodigal Son never made a

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:
"LOVE NEVER FAILS"
I Cor. 13:8b

Paul's Message: "Testifying both to the Jews, and also the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21

resolution, he would have died among the swine.

Each of us should resolve to be a better Christian in 1944. Five rules, carefully followed, will help us achieve that goal:

1. I will read God's Word daily.
2. I will express in my heart my gratitude to God upon waking each morning, and humbly request His guidance during the day; and, by His help, try to follow where He guides.
3. I will confess my sins each night and humbly request His pardon and protection.
4. I will faithfully and gladly pay the tithe in recognition of God's ownership and my own responsibility as a steward.
5. I will make an effort to persuade at least one lost person to accept the Lord Jesus as Saviour and confess Him as Lord.

These are simple little rules. Not any one of them is difficult. The keeping of these rules will in no way save a person; but any child of God who observes these rules is on the road to Christian enlargement—the high road to VICTORY!—Arkansas Baptist.

V
MY CHURCH

My church is the place where the Word of God is preached, the power of God is felt, the Spirit of God is manifested, the love of God is revealed. It should be the home of my soul, the altar of my devotion, the hearth of my faith, the center of my affection, and the inspiration of my daily life.

Having united with the church in solemn covenant, I will advance its interest by my faithful attendance at its services, by studying its Holy Scriptures, by observing its ordinances, by contributing to its support, by encouraging its members and its leaders and by joining with them in all good works!

By thus honoring and serving God I shall share with many others the life of the kingdom of heaven.—Adapted from F. Hyatt Smith.

IF YOU WILL

If God can make—of an ugly seed,
With a bit of earth and air,
And dew and rain, sunshine and shade—
A flower so wondrous fair;
What can He make—of a soul like you,
With the Bible and faith and prayer,
And the Holy Spirit—if you do His will,
And trust His love and care!

—Selected.

EIGHTY PER CENT OF ENON MEMBERS ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL

We find the Record a very valuable asset in our church program.

Under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Glenwood Taylor, we have gone to half time. We have one of the smallest memberships in the county but we are not letting that hold us down. We have about 80% of our resident membership present in Sunday school each Sunday. We now have an Extension department in order to keep in touch with our boys in the armed service. Our superintendent, Mrs. Frank Fair, Jr., is doing a fine job there.

We adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan two years ago. We believe one of the finest steps we have taken is adopting the six point record system. We finance our church through the Sunday school.—By E. E. Hunt, treasurer, Enon Baptist Church.

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New York (RNS)—A series of 60 "Gripsholm meetings," sponsored by the Northern Baptist denomination, will be held in major cities across the nation during January and February. The speakers, all of whom were held by the Japanese in various internment camps in Japan and occupied China, will be missionary repatriates who returned on the M. S. Gripsholm in December.

25 Years Ago

He is now Ensign Kethley, our friend "W. M." who finished at Mississippi College a few years ago and was B. Y. P. U. secretary for a while in Louisiana.

From the Western Recorder—"The Convention has done a wise thing in continuing the services of Dr. P. I. Lipsey as editor. Dr. Lipsey is not only a scholarly and versatile editor, but a dyed-in-wool Baptist."

Pastor Theo Whitfield of McComb, writes: "My good church is one of those that have increased their pastor's salary—added \$300. This is the third time they have so treated me. We had 126 additions the past year."

The Alabama Convention having purchased the Alabama Baptist, Secretary W. F. Yarborough, so well and favorably known in Mississippi, has been chosen editor. He is a good one to have.

In January the First church, Jackson, had a total collection of \$1,418.83. The first check under the budget system, sent to Dr. Lawrence amounted to \$304.24. A large part of the January collection was from 42 members who agreed to tithe. It always pays.

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WE'D BETTER WATCH OUT

Before we realize what has happened to us, we will find ourselves in the midst of Seventy-five Million Campaign II. We are in grave danger of becoming victims of expansion hysteria which will plunge us headlong into another financial disaster. There are perhaps at this time, in progress and in prospect, more than \$30,000,000 of financial campaigns, Southwide and within the states. Each cause represented by these campaigns is a worthy one—some of them emergent. But special drives for such enormous sums, even in these times of easy money, could very easily prove fatal to our fundamental and accepted plan of denominational financing—the Cooperative Program.

Our present prosperity is superficial. Our enormous national income cannot possibly continue after the war, because it is a by-product of the war; indeed, it is the war. With a reduced war production, and with war-production plants shutting down, coupled with the demobilization of millions now in the armed services, we are almost certain to find ourselves in one of the most acute economic situations in the history of this country.

It is imperative that Southern Baptists have a strong, sound, generally accepted and supported, overall plan of financing. For twenty-five years the Cooperative Program has been that plan. We'd better watch out!—Lawson H. Cooke.

(Editor's Note: Southwide Brotherhood Secretary Cooke here says what we had planned to say and does it so much better than we could that we have used his article as an editorial.)

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Order Russian Kits today from Atlanta. Notify Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Belzoni, how many.

AN UNSCRIPTURAL TENDENCY

Recently we heard a man say, "Our deacons have decided that the church will start a building fund to be used for a post-war building."

We call attention to the words, "Our deacons have decided."

In some churches the deacons decide church matters without any reference to the church. It is all right for deacons to recommend but the church should have the privilege of accepting or rejecting any plans submitted. In Acts 6:3-7 the New Testament plan of congregational government is illustrated. When the church takes action, better results follow.

As a pastor we were blessed with many deacons who were among God's noblemen. They gave of their time, talent and money. As a class, our deacons deserve much praise from Mississippi Baptists. Most of them are doing their best to be good deacons. We should support them as they strive to help us have better churches.

The word "ecclesia," from which we get the meaning of our word church, meant a democratic assembly where matters were discussed by the people, and voted upon by the people. Most people, although they may have good ideas, will not discuss matters presented to a church when they feel the board of deacons has it already "cut and dried." A church develops its members by expecting them to help plan church business.

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A GOOD PLAN

Dr. Bryan Simmons, pastor of Mt. Oral and Sharon churches in Jones county, writes, "Mt. Oral and Sharon churches packed ten kits for Russian relief. Ten families in each church contributed sugar and we bought the rest. We hope many rural churches are doing the same."

We are sure that the above plan will aid many churches to take part in the Russian Kit Campaign that have so far failed to do so. Lack of sugar seems to be the reason for non-cooperation upon the part of many. But here is a plan to overcome this difficulty. Let various families contribute one or two pounds of sugar and others or the treasury contribute the other items or the cash to pay for them.

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Volunteer participation of pastors and people is being relied on to complete the Blue Mountain College endowment fund. Is your church on the Glory Roll? Why not get it there at once?

1944 RED CROSS WAR FUND

When bombs fall there is no time to send help half way around the world. When a badly wounded fighting man needs a transfusion, it is too late to begin looking for a blood donor or find a nurse to care for him. When a lonely soldier learns of trouble at home, he needs help—immediately.

The American Red Cross provides that help wherever and whenever the need arises. A continuous procession of blood donors must be maintained, nurses must be recruited for the Army and Navy, trained Red Cross workers and supplies must be sent to camps, hospitals and foreign theaters of operation the world over.

When a train crash leaves scores injured, when flood engulfs a town, when epidemic strikes, delay may cost lives. Red Cross disaster relief and medical supplies, held in readiness for such emergencies, plus trained workers to rescue and assist victims and help in their rehabilitation, will prevent delay and thus save many lives.

To fulfill its many obligations to the armed forces and our people, the American Red Cross needs your help. During 1944 it must supply some 5,000,000 blood donations. Each month 2,500 nurses must be recruited for the Army and Navy. Red Cross field directors and other trained personnel must be stationed at military and naval posts and hospitals to help our fighting men and their families when personal trouble brews, a task in which the Red Cross chapter on the home front ably does its share.

At home the Red Cross must continue to maintain a state of alert. Disasters must be met as they occur. Nurse's aides and first aiders must be trained and other educational projects continued. Food parcels for distribution to prisoners of war must be packed, surgical dressings made and the thousand and one details of administering a far-flung, busy organization must be attended.

All activities of the American Red Cross are financed by voluntary gifts and contributions. During March, designated by President Roosevelt as Red Cross Month, the American Red Cross must raise its 1944 War Fund of unprecedented size to meet unprecedented needs. Your contribution will assure maintenance of all Red Cross services and thus indirectly help save many a life. Let's give!

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

TWO-BITS FOR BIBLES, BILLIONS FOR BOMBERS

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

If Christian Americans in the years before the war had spent sufficient millions of dollars for Bibles, they would not today be spending billions for bombers. Now the Bibles must follow the bombers in the never-ending task of evangelizing the world.

Japan, of course, for decades to come will be the classic example of a nation in which the military influence outweighed the Christian influence because too many Christian Americans thought of foreign missions in two-bit terms.

A returned missionary reports he once spoke before a gathering of 2,000 Japanese. Upon asking how many had ever heard of Jesus, he saw the uplifted hands of only 10 per cent. When he asked how many would like to know more about the Man of Galilee, practically the entire assemblage shouted their interest.

With only its surface touched, Japan is today's unlovely record of an unfinished job.

Let it be the prayer of all Christians that after the troop ships return our boys from battle zones abroad, as much energy will be expended in sending those vessels back from whence they came, loaded with missionaries, Bibles and equipment vital to carrying on that God-given commission of "teaching all nations and baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost."

Since there were insufficient Bibles preceding the bombers, we must make very sure that enough Bibles follow them.—The Protestant Voice.

SOLDIER WRITES NEW PROSPECT CHURCH MEMBER

In a letter to his sister, Pvt. John H. Allgood, a Mississippi soldier now at Greenville, Penn., speaks of how he misses all the family, and especially his devoted wife back home. He tells of thinking of the loved ones at night, and remembering many things dear to him as he longs for the day to come when peace will send the boys all home again. We quote a few excerpts from this letter to Mrs. Hollis Smith, member of the New Prospect church:

"I thank my Lord and Saviour for all the sweet things in this world with which I am blessed. . . . I'm ready and willing to fight for mine the same as my buddies are. . . . New Year's morning we were all taken to chapel where prayer was held for peace. There were more soldiers than I have ever seen in one place. The camp streets were full. You should see them massed like that! It is pretty, and it makes one feel pleased to know he has that many pals to fight with him. . . . Ask the folks back home to pray for us soldiers. . . . God bless all of you."

"OVER THERE"

The following poem was written by Wiley P. Davidson, Jr., while on Guadalcanal. He is the brother of Mrs. Robert W. Webb, 2003 West Capitol Street, Mr. and Mrs. Webb are prominent and active members of Calvary Baptist Church.

"Over There"

(By W. P. Davidson, Jr., PM-1-c)
The hum of the motors and the clang of the jeep
Wake us up from a much needed sleep.
This is not the first time nor will it be the last.
But we hit the fox-holes awfully fast.

Tired and sleepy we hit the ground,
While shells and bombs drop all around.
There's nothing like the burst of shell—
Lots of men compare it with hell.

Off to our right we hear a cry,
One of our pals is about to die.
Over the top we go to his side,
The pain is great, but so is his pride.

We give him a shot to ease the pain,
Everything we do seems to be in vain.
The kid gets up and wants to fight
And struggles against us with all his might.

After a fight we get him still
The flash of battle shows over the hill.
Soon our pal falls into a peaceful sleep
And we pray to God his soul to keep.

One after another the bombers come,
The bursts and thunder are new to some.
While others dig deeper into their holes
And pray to God for all our souls.

The Zeros are flying up high above,
While the "Wildcats" that we've learned to love
Are taking off against the wind,
To send the Zeros down in a spin.

You must be here to understand and know,
The sorrow and gladness through our hearts do flow.
We see our pals at the edge of death's hinge,
And look up and see the "Wildcats" getting revenge.

After the raid we go to our tents to pray,
The words in the prayer seem to say,
"Dear Lord, we thank Thee that we were let live
For Thee and our country, our lives we can give."

—BR—

MUSIC, THE SERVANT OF THE CHURCH
Carl Kosanke

Sacred music is of a wide and interesting variety and can serve many noble purposes. Like the pharmacist carefully preparing a prescription and the baker mixing dough, so the elements that go into a religious service should be carefully and purposefully selected and arranged by the leader if the best possible results are to be obtained. . . . There should be harmony and unity amid a pleasing variety, and clear purpose behind it all.

Too frequently the hymn book is opened and the first familiar song the eyes rest upon is announced. No serious harm is done, to be sure, for presumably every song in the book is good and able to stand alone on its own merit and the singing of it is helpful and worthwhile. But would some other song have made a greater contribution to the particular occasion? Were all the songs used of the same type or was there a satisfying variety? Sugar is good and so are butter and flour and other ingredients, but you don't get the best cake

RELIGIOUS REMARKABLES' -- By Scheel

T. M. REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.



by leaving out some and putting in double portions of others!

It takes time to select songs purposefully, but the time should be taken, not only in selecting songs for the church services but for Sunday school, Training Union, W. M. U. and the other activities as well. Selection ought to be preceded by a prayer for guidance. Church time is precious.

Not only the leaders but also the mature Christians in the congregation ought to be aware of the different purposes behind songs, in order to participate intelligently and with better cooperation and interest. Only brief mention can be made here of several song types and uses, but these will serve to illustrate:

Worship—Such hymns as "Holy, Holy, Holy," "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," "O Worship the King," and "O For a Thousand Tongues" are fine examples of songs in which the congregation can unite in voicing adoration and praise. The WAY we sing such songs will reveal whether we are really worshipping.

Prayer—We have many fine prayers in verse form, set to lovely music that seem to give wings to the prayer, as for example, "I Need Thee Every Hour," "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," "Have Thine Own Way," "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us." In the singing of these the congregation can "join in prayer."

Witnessing—Testimony meetings are fine and should be encouraged, but they are time consuming and can be engaged in only sparingly. Furthermore, they are usually held when there are lost people present. But all believers can bear testimony

before the lost in the congregation through soulful singing of such songs as "Amazing Grace," "At the Cross," "I've Found a Friend" and "Jesus is All the World to Me."

Spiritual Exercise—There are many songs of faith and experience suited for Christians to sing together, as for example, "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less," "I Stand Amazed in the Presence of Jesus the Nazarene," "Come, We that Love the Lord," "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine" and "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me."

Challenge—All of us have felt the strong urge to action that is aroused through the vigorous singing of such songs as "Stand Up For Jesus," "To the Work," "Our Best," "Onward, Christian Soldiers" and others.

The Gospel Appeal—It can be said that this is one aim in connection with which songs are usually purposefully selected and employed. The "invitation hymn" is heavily relied upon to bring people to a final decision and action in response to the sermon. Let this fact serve to illustrate the value of purposeful selection of songs, and then may we apply that principle through the service! Music is the servant of the church.

—BR—
Imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he is not; a sense of humor to console him for what he is.

—BR—
Volunteer participation of pastors and people is being relied on to complete the Blue Mountain College endowment fund. Is your church on the Glory Roll? Why not get it there at once?

NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB

A Debtless Denomination Before 1945

I

Brother Gaines Hightower came by the office expressing appreciation for the relationship and opportunities in service during these four years. We naturally appreciated his attitude. All along we have been privileged to state repeatedly that his spirit has been of the finest in type. We hope our paths may cross again in special service.

It has been necessary for us to have temporary help at times, both in the office and in the field.

We will not forget the months of temporary service of some who helped for a while with the Now Club right at the start, namely, Brethren Joel Sturdivant, J. W. Fagan, C. E. Patch and E. C. Farr. They did their best in a difficult place.

II

The following excerpt from a letter by Dr. J. E. Dillard is self-explanatory:

"Certainly in Mississippi with your Now Club, all members of the Hundred Thousand Club should transfer their memberships from the Hundred Thousand Club and in case any do not do this, and receipts for the Hundred Thousand Club come into your office, you will be at liberty to transfer these funds to the Now Club. I am sure this would meet with the approval of all persons concerned."

III

Among those who have cooperated with us—to that nth degree in His work are our banking connections in Jackson. They have been most cooperative and considerate. They have been downright good to us—too good in one way—they want to lend us too much money! Bankers for the most part have always been good to us. We borrowed money, all we needed—maybe more—for college and seminary days.

Our first bank loan was at Gunnison. Yes sirree! One hundred seventy-five dollars in amount. That was one day we felt like a real financier. Of course, the bank was the party that proved to be the financier. Most anybody can borrow money. It takes a business man to lend it!

That brings us to what we had in mind—churches and denominations might take notice. GOD'S PLAN IS TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Malachi 3.—I Cor. 16.

CLOWARD TO DIRECT BAPTIST SOCIAL PROGRESS COUNCIL

New York, RNS)—The Rev. Donald B. Cloward, pastor of First Baptist Church, Auburn, N. Y., has been elected as the first executive secretary of the Council on Christian Social Progress of the Northern Baptist Convention.

Mr. Cloward has served as vice-president of the New York Baptist Convention and as president of the New York State Baptist Pastors Conference.

His tasks will be to "help interpret Christian social responsibilities in the light of Biblical teachings; keep local congregations informed on current social problems of concern to Baptists, and lead the Northern Baptist crusade for a Christian world."

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
Community Missions—Mrs. Laron Boyles, Laurel, Miss.
Vice-President—Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, Miss.

President—Mrs. J. H. Street, Hazlehurst, Miss.
Executive Secretary—Miss Fannie Taylor
Young People's Secty.—Miss Edwina Robinson

Stewardship—Mrs. J. B. Parker, Ripley, Miss.
Miss Study—Mrs. W. A. Bell, Jackson, Miss.
Margaret Fund Trustee—Mrs. D. R. Bowen, Cleveland, Miss.
Training School Trustee—Mrs. O. T. Robinson, Centreville.

Last week all the state W. M. U. presidents (Southern Union vice-presidents), state executive secretaries and young people's secretaries met with the general officers of the Southern W. M. U. in conference, reviewing the accomplishments of the past year and making plans for the coming year.

One item that caused great rejoicing was the fact that Southern Baptists' debts have been paid. That reality led us to plan for a greatly enlarged mission program because we will not be handicapped by Southwide debts.

All the while I was saying to my own heart, "Mississippi Baptists will pay all their debts in 1944," but this morning when I read The Baptist Record just off the press my heart sank as I took note on page 3 of the decrease in the Now Club gifts in January 1944 over January 1943. Go back and read that for yourself and draw your own conclusions. January 1943 we gave \$11,106.16, January 1944 \$6,211.91.

We MUST continue our regular NOW CLUB gifts or fail to pay our debts this year. I appeal to you to continue your faithful efforts to pay our debts until every cent is behind us. This is no time to relax and slow down—let's go on until the VICTORY is won.

We want you to study the report given below of our W. M. U. institutes by associations held in January, each with a state or southwide representative present. As you look at the number of churches and women present in each meeting, you must not compare one association with another without taking into consideration the size of the association, the weather (we had rain, sleet and snow), and the number of people who were victims of the "flu" at that time. We are greatly encouraged because of the wonderful response amidst difficulties and we wish to express our deep appreciation for the cooperation and faithfulness of the pastors and of each woman who attended.

Institutes, January 1944

District I

	Church Women	Rep.	Present
Copiah	7	35	
Hinds-Warren	13	122	
Holmes	4	24	
Madison	2	24	
Rankin	5	24	
Simpson	5	20	
Yazoo	6	35	

District II

Bolivar	13	83
Deer Creek	11	76
Leflore	5	76
Sunflower	5	30
Tunica-Coahoma	9	61

District III

Calhoun	5	61
Carroll		
DeSoto	4	29
Grenada	3	35
Lafayette	3	33
Marshall	4	21
Montgomery	2	31

OUR STATE OFFICERS

Panola	9	46
Tate	5	41
Tallahatchie	3	13
Yalobusha	3	20
District IV		
Alcorn	7	39
Chickasaw	2	10
Lee	7	79
Monroe	4	39
Pontotoc	4	25
Prentiss	3	18
Tippah	6	25
Tishomingo	1	26
Union	2	30
District V		
Choctaw	2	20
Clay		
Kosciusko	7	51
Lowndes	6	45
Noxubee	5	20
Oktibbeha	6	31
Winston	6	57
Zion	1	21
District VI		
Clarke		
Jasper	3	20
Kemper	3	20
Lauderdale	10	81
Leake	3	20
Newton	1	9
Neshoba	5	25
Scott	4	19
Smith	6	14
District VII		
Covington	5	35
Greene	3	19
George	3	19
Gulf Coast	8	65
Jackson	7	49
Jones	12	61
Lebanon	20	99
Pearl River	9	60
Perry	4	26
Wayne	5	33
District VIII		
Franklin	6	40
Jefferson Davis	5	19
Lawrence	5	28
Lincoln	13	82
Marion	5	50
Mississippi	10	72
Pike	12	80
Union	5	23
Walhall	5	43

372 2,591

The New Home Mission Map

The new Home Mission Map is a project map for all W. M. U. organizations but particularly for the young people.

Just enough color was used, we hope, to stimulate the desire to complete it. Water colors may be used but equally as good results may be obtained by using wax crayons or colored chalk, provided care is used to rub the color on with a cloth when chalk is used and to rub the wax color in to prevent smudging.

The leader has a splendid opportunity as the costumes of the various nationalities, making up our population (at the top of map) are being colored, to teach much about these people. Who they are, where they are, their religious and cultural background may all be brought out in informal but carefully planned discussion; a sympathetic interpretation of

their problems and their needs may be given. The members may also be led to express what they feel these people have a right to expect from Christians in this their chosen land.

The block pictures just below this group represent the different race and language groups to whom our home missionaries go preaching the good news of the Gospel which is central in our work as it is on the map.

The illustrations around the sides and at the bottom portray the various types of work in which our missionaries engage. The young people and members should be encouraged and directed by definite assignment to seek information from every source regarding the need for, and the accomplishments of each phase of work and report same to group as a whole.

The annual report of the Home Mission Board furnishes valuable factual material and may be had free for the asking.

Splendid illustrative material will be found in current issues of Southern Baptist Home Missions, the Home Mission Week of Prayer program, also the splendid book Christianity Our Citadel, and other Home Mission study books will be very helpful source material.

We are grateful indeed to Miss Frances King Turner, W. M. U. Young People's secretary of Georgia for her beautiful interpretive drawing, and to the Georgia W. M. U. for allowing her to make this significant contribution to the cause of Home Missions which was beyond her regular duties.

We are thankful also for the Providence which made it possible during this period of acute paper shortage to have enough copies made to furnish one map free to every church having W. M. U. organizations in them. It is earnestly hoped, therefore, that every W. M. U. president will see that the fullest use is made of it, and that the W. M. U. not only shares the map but its message with the whole church.

WILMA BUCY,
Field Representative,
Home Mission Board.

World Comrades

Goal for 1943	1,925
Received	2,150
Goal for 1944	2,258

The Window of Y. W. A.

Goal for 1943	645
Received	669
Goal for 1944	702

BARGAIN MISSION BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. (These books have been placed on the 10c list; however, it is requested that we order at least \$1.00 worth of books when we order.)

Intermediate G. A's and R. A's
Believers and Builders in Europe.
Mrs. Marynard's House.

Tepee Trails.

Junior G. A's and R. A's
The Camel Bell (Palestine).
Going to Jerusalem.

Guitars and Water Jars (Brazil).
Strong Hearts of Japan.

Sunbeams

Playmates in Japan.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Dr. Chester M. Savage

Called and Accepted

Dr. J. L. Boyd, New Ireland, Newton county, Miss.

Herman Milner, Star, Miss.

Lucius W. Hart, Gallatin, Tenn.

A. B. Harrison, Wynne, Ark.

C. O. Simpson, Gibson, Tenn.

W. A. Boston, Union City, Tenn.

Nat C. Bettis, Jr., Queen Street, Tyler, Texas.

A. J. Priest, Pleasant Grove, Dallas, Texas.

Randolph Davis, Fitzhugh, Texas.

Darroll Ball, Greenway, Ark.

Paul Aiken, Warren, Ark.

Reese Howard, Brinkley, Ark.

R. F. McClung, Wilbourne, La.

M. R. Soileau, West Orange, Orange, Texas.

J. M. Hale, O'Donnell, Texas.

P. E. Lester, Greenville, Fla.

L. A. Colding, 2nd, DeLand, Fla.

H. L. Adams, Crescent City, Fla.

E. W. Arnold, Sardis, Gardendale, Ala.

Lawrence Carrell, Mt. Pisgah, Ala.

W. A. Smith, Sheffield, Ala.

C. P. Cleveland, Madison Heights, Lynchburg, Va.

J. L. Carrick, Colonial Beach, Va.

C. H. Hogan, DeQuincy, La.

Lee B. Slaton, 2nd, Ponca City, Okla.

Dr. Paul Weber, Jr., Lansdowne, East St. Louis, Ill.

Francis Horton, Clarksdale, Miss.

P. A. Huelett, Sycamore, Ga.

J. B. Brown, York, S. C.

W. G. Rutledge, Bartlett, Tenn.

G. T. Mills, Mt. Zion, Raleigh, N. C.

B. M. Whiteheart, Rosemary, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

H. B. Loftin, Moreland, Ga.

Resigned

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GOING PLACES

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b:
ing—give thyself WHOLLY to them; that thy profiting may appear to
ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

GOING PLACES IS EMBARRASSED

The EVERY FAMILY Plan has become so popular that we have been unable to find space to mention many of the EVERY FAMILY churches that have come in during the past few months. So in order to get almost up-to-date we list the following churches:

ATTALA COUNTY

Church	Pastor	Treasurer
Unity	T. R. Clark	
Williamsville	G. Glenn Flynt	Mrs. J. W. Davis

Record readers in Attala county are now listed as follows: UNITY 32; WILLIAMSVILLE 29; ANTIOCH 23; Bear Creek 1; BEREA 28; BEULAH 26; Bowlin 5; CARSO NRIDGE 36; Ebenezer 12; ETHEL 43; Hurricane 4; KOSCIUSKO 207; McAdams 15; McCool 15; New Salem 2; PLEASANT RIDGE 21; Sallis 10; Sand Hill 3; Springdale 9; North Union 7; YOKAHOCKANY 15, and Providence 1.

ALCORN COUNTY

Church	Pastor	Treasurer
Antioch	S. C. Williams	

Alcorn county now has record readers listed as follows: Antioch 10; HINKLE CREEK 41; Kemps Chapel 6; Kossuth 14; Liberty Hill 2; RIENZI 45; STATE STREET 69; Tishomingo Chapel 2; WEST CORINTH 42; Jacinto 9; Lovejoy 2; Cross Road 1, and Corinth 11.

BOLIVAR COUNTY

Church	Pastor	Treasurer
Bolivar Baptist Mission	H. C. Clower	Robert Wolf

Record readers in Bolivar county are listed as follows: Benoit 1; BOYLE 68; CLEVELAND 173; DUNCAN 29; Gunnison 1; INTERSTATE 50; MERIGOLD 36; Morrison Chapel 26; Pace 8; Providence 8; ROSEDALE 18; SHADY OAK 18; SHAW 11; SHELBY 62; SKENE 41; Stringtown 1; WAXHAW 16, and BOLIVAR MISSIONARY BAPTIST 16.

CALHOUN COUNTY

Church	Pastor	Treasurer
College Hill	J. B. Dorroh	Mrs. R. C. Nichol

Subscribers in Calhoun county are listed as follows: BETHANY 25; Big Creek 2; BRUCE 132; CALHOUN CITY 122; College Hill 7; DERMA 64; Gaston Springs 2; Macedonia 5; Meridian 13; Midway 1; MT. MORIAH 61; OAK GROVE 14; Oldtown 3; PITTSBORO 32; PLEASANT RIDGE 16; ROCKY MOUNTAIN 20; Sarepta 3; Shiloh 3; SLATE SPRINGS 13; Spring Hill 1; VARDAMAN 71; Banner 2; POPLAR SPRINGS 25; Spring Creek 4; Bethel 4.

CHICKASAW COUNTY

Church	Pastor	Treasurer
Pleasant Grove		J. W. Ellison

Record readers in Chickasaw county are now listed as follows: Egypt 10; Skuna Valley 1; Houka 3; Houston 1; Okolona 5; Pleasant Grove 7; Van Vleet 1; WOODLAND 21; MT. OLIVE 21; Shiloh 1; College Hill 1; UNION CHAPEL 20; AMITY 12.

CHOCTAW COUNTY

Church	Pastor	Treasurer
Chester	Pastor	Mrs. W. L. Edwards
Ebenezer	W. C. Kitchens	R. N. Bramlett

Choctaw county Record readers are listed as follows: CHESTER 39; EBENEZER 14; ACKERMAN 77; Antioch 1; Bethany 2; Beulah 6; Blythe Creek 13; Covenant 5; Fellowship 2; French Camp 1; Mt. Moriah 1; New Zion 2; MT. PISGAH 18; Providence 1 McCurtains 7; WEIR 60 Wood Springs 7; Spring Hill 1; Concord 5.

CLARKE COUNTY

Church	Pastor	Treasurer
Oak Grove	D. L. Harrison	J. E. Ivy

Baptist Record subscribers in Clarke county are listed as follows: Oak Grove 13; Barnett 1; CENTER RIDGE 24; Crandall 1; ELAM 24; ENTERPRISE 74; HARMONY 40; KNIGHTS VALLEY 15; Mt Zion 4; PACHUTA 34; Pine Grove 1; Pine Hill 11; PLEASANT GROVE 16; PLEASANT HILL 14; QUITMAN 97; Rolling Creek 1; SHUBUTA 17; SOUENLOVIE 29; STONEWALL 139; DESOTO 29, and BUCCATUNA 22.

CLAY COUNTY

Church	Berton McGee (when received)	Treasurer
West End		Mrs. R. E. Estus, Jr.

Clay county's Record readers are listed as follows: WEST END 27; CEDAR BLUFF 13; PHEBA 28; WEST POINT First 82; HEBRON 28; Old Montpelier 1; NEW MONTPELIER 14; PINE BLUFF 11.

COPIAH COUNTY

Church	Pastor	Treasurer
Zion Hill	J. B. Hemphill	
Sylvarena	E. L. Howell (when received)	A. L. Lowrey

In Copiah county Record readers are listed as follows: SYLVARENA 42; Wesson 15; ZION HILL 28; CARPENTER 30; COUNTY LINE 29; CRYSTAL SPRINGS 280; GALLMAN 27; GALILEE 16; GATESVILLE 13; GEORGETOWN 36; Harmony 3; HAZLEHURST 68; HOPEWELL 31; NEW PROVIDENCE 19; NEW ZION 57; PINE BLUFF 38; Mission Hill 1; PILGRIM'S REST 54; PLEASANT HILL 19; POPLAR SPRINGS 18; Rockport 3; SARDIS 34; SHADY GROVE 46; SPRING HILL 27; STRONG HOPE 52; SMYRNA 20; DAMASCUS 10; ANTIOCH 14; BETHEL 44.

THE BAPTIST RECORD**FORREST COUNTY**

Church	Pastor	Treasurer
Calvary	C. S. Moulder	E. V. McKinley
Dixie	C. S. Moulder	

Record readers in Forrest county are listed as follows: DIXIE 21; Calvary 9; BROOKLYN 52; Camp Shelby 15; CENTRAL 53; GLENDALE 34; HATTIESBURG FIRST 498; FIFTH AVENUE 150; THIRTY-EIGHTH AVENUE 64; Immanuel 3; McLaurin 1; Macedonia 7; MAIN STREET 422; Maxie 1; PETAL 120; Providence 12; RIVER AVENUE 57; CARTERSVILLE 31, and ZION HILL 44.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Church	Pastor	Treasurer
New Salem	Tom Pfeifer	

Baptist Records going into Franklin county are listed as follows: New Salem 9; Concord 1; DAMASCUS 42; Eddiceton 1; Hamburg 11; HOPEWELL 16; Lucien 12; McCALL CREEK 38; MEADVILLE 17; New Hope 11; O'ZION 31; Quentin 2; ROXIE 48; Siloam 1; SAREPTA 27; BUDE 63, and RAMAH 47.

GREENE COUNTY

Church	Pastor	Treasurer
Pine Level	W. E. Stewart	W. J. Turner

Record readers in Greene county are listed as follows: PINE LEVEL 20; AVERA 32; Cedar Grove 11; COUNTY LINE 15 EAST SALEM 16; FELLOWSHIP 12; JOHNSON CREEK 12; Indian Hill 8; LEAKESVILLE 43; McLAIN 50; Neely 4; Pleasant Hill 1; UNITY 15; Washington 1; WEST SALEM 29; LEAF 24, and SAND HILL 12.

GRENADA COUNTY

Church	Pastor	Treasurer
Graysport		Mrs. Stark Willis

Grenada county has Record readers listed as follows: BETHEL 13; GREENADA 124; HARDY STATION 22; HOLCOMB 31; PROVIDENCE 19, and GRAYSPORT 10.

HOLMES COUNTY

Church	Pastor	Treasurer
Emory		Mrs. W. E. Hill
Horseshoe	C. J. Olander	

Holmes county's Record readers are listed as follows: BOWLING GREEN 3; CENTRAL 10; CRUGER 19; DURANT 120; EMORY 10; GOODMAN 34; HORSESHOE 17; LEXINGTON 41; PICKENS 30; PLEASANT RIDGE 38; TCHULA 29; WEST 26, and MT. PLEASANT 11.

JACKSON COUNTY

Church	Pastor	Treasurer
Unity	J. L. Morgan	Nalty Smith
Gautier	J. L. Reeves	

Record readers in Jackson county are listed as follows: EAST MOSS POINT 69; ESCATAWPA 41; GAUTIER 23; KREOLE 44; MOSS POINT 69; Ocean Springs 18; PASCAGOULA FIRST 316; RED CREEK 21; Vancleave 7; WADE 33; Bel Fountaine 8; FORT BAYOU 19; WATTS MEMORIAL 128; Magnolia 6; UNITY 14.

Vicksburg First Leads in Service Names

Recently a list of 101 names of those in the armed service came from First church Vicksburg. Congratulations to Dr. D. Swan Haworth and this great church. We believe this is our largest list of service men from one church. And in years to come many of these people are going to show their thanks by deeds as they are drawn closer to the church by this friendly gesture upon the part of the First Baptist Church of Vicksburg.

MISSING IN ACTION**JUDGE KENT**

The soul of another saint slipped away Thursday, February 3rd. We say he is "missing in action," but we do not mean it in the sad sense we apply it to our soldier boys. Rarely do we know whence they are, or their physical, mental or spiritual condition. We do have the sweet assurance as to his whereabouts. His lips are silent today, but those who knew him best can hear him say, "I know in whom I have put my trust, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him."

Judge Kent was a comparatively silent man, but there are a number of Kingdom alliances that held his interest, and to which he gave his service. His church stood first among these. Doubtless the next closest his heart was Clarke College. This institution was more nearly the child of his tenderest sympathies.

He has passed on, but his "works do follow him." His loss just now seems irreparable; but hear our Lord say: "I will not leave you comfortless." "Lift up your eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help."

Margaret McRae Lackey.

DR. PLYLER IS THARP LECTURER**BIBLE INSTITUTE FOR HOME COMING WEEK, FEB. 21-25**

Dr. John L. Plyler, president of Furman University, will deliver the Tharp Foundation Lectures at the annual homecoming week at the Baptist Bible Institute. Dr. Harry Rimmer, whom the students will hear at night at the First Baptist Church, will lecture on the relation of science and religion.

Dr. and Mrs. Everett Gill, Sr., are expected to lecture on Europe and the Gospel. Secretary Sibley Burnett, of Nashville, will

**PASTOR BEVERLY WRITES
OF FLORA**

Thinking over the year's work at Flora, Pastor O. B. Beverly recounts many fine things that stand out.

On the day the pastor and his family came, the people of the church had prepared a lovely lunch, and had bountifully stocked the pantry with everything one would need. Nothing was left undone to make us feel welcome, comfortable and happy. It did not take long for us to get down to work. The people were more than willing to help in any way possible. The members of the church went out of their way to help the new pastor get acquainted. The people of other denominations were very helpful, too. The former pastor, Dr. McKay, had already done a fine piece of work before leaving, which made it easier for me.

In looking back over the year we can see many fine things accomplished, for which we are proud and grateful to God. The church auditorium had been refinished, the parsonage remodeled and refinished inside and out. There were 56 additions to the church, 18 being by baptism. Its members contributed \$10,772.66 for all purposes which I understand has been the largest contribution in many years if not the largest in the history of the church.

Flora has a plant that would do credit to a town of much larger population. It has a parsonage that any minister in Mississippi would be proud to call his home. The people are proud of the church and parsonage and with good reason. Just before Christmas the members of the church to show their love, gave the pastor and his family a present—a check for \$150. The new year is here and we feel the great challenge that is before us due to the world conditions. The people are meeting this challenge with renewed faith and determination as many of us are being called upon to face conditions that challenge us to the limit. For these people, their loyalty and cooperation and love we are indeed grateful.—O. B. Beverly, pastor.

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**LEAF RIVER CHURCH REMEMBERS
SOLDIERS**

At Pineville the Leaf River church sent a letter to each of its boys in the service at the beginning of the new year. Excerpts from that letter are printed:

"Dear Brother in Service,

"Greetings for 1944!

"May the new year be a blessing to you and your companions.

"Let us strive at all times to serve the Master with a more consecrated life than before. May our light so shine that others will know that there is a reality in the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let's pray that the Lord will show our enemies the broad and downward way they are traveling, so that that will turn and seek pardon for their sins and be saved before too late.

"We are so thankful for the untold blessings of 1943. So pray with us that the Lord will continue His mercy throughout 1944. May the Lord ever care for and bless you is our prayer."

BR

Order Russian Kits today from Atlanta. Notify Mrs. J. A. Anderson Belzoni, how many.

**NORTHERN BAPTISTS LAUNCH
WORLD ORDER CRUSADE**

New York—(RNS)—A "World Order Crusade" to stimulate the interest of Baptist churchgoers in international cooperation and to encourage them to express their convictions on a post-war world order by writing legislators and government officials, has been launched here by the Council on Christian Social Progress of the Northern Baptist Convention.

The Baptist campaign will be comparable to the Crusade for a New World Order recently sponsored by the Council of Bishops of the Methodist church and the nation-wide interdenominational Christian Mission on World Order conducted by the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace of the Federal Council of Churches.

Unlike the Methodist and Federal Council campaigns, however, the Baptist crusade makes no provision for sending out teams of speakers to various American cities.

The "World Order Crusade" will reach a climax on World Order Sunday, May 7. On that day every Northern Baptist clergyman will be asked to address his congregation on the need for a post-war world organization based on Christian principles. Suitable correspondence material for writing legislators will be given to churchgoers.

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THIS IS MISSIONS, TOO

When I became superintendent of the Home Mission Board's Rescue Mission, I found that one of the largest expense items of the Mission was its gas and electric bills. I contacted the New Orleans Public Service Corporation, thinking that certain concessions might be available to us due to the nature of our work.

A courteous reply came promptly, "We are sorry, but you already have the lowest rates allowable under the direction of the Commission which sets the rates." The letter ended by a request that I call and talk the matter over with the writer.

Seeing nothing to be gained from such a visit, and yet wanting to pursue the matter to a successful conclusion if possible, I went. The advertising manager received me cordially, explaining again the reason for his inability to reduce the rates. I was almost ready to go when he said, "Though we cannot make any concession to you, we know the value of your work, and there is nothing that says we cannot make a financial contribution to your work. This we want to do. You will call for it quarterly." he concluded.

When an institution like the Public Service takes note of work being done for the Lord and volunteers to make a substantial cash contribution, quarterly, THIS IS MISSIONS, TOO.

CLOVIS A. BRANTLEY, Supt.,
Baptist Rescue Mission,
740 Esplanade Ave., New Orleans, La.

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Volunteer participation of pastors and people is being relied on to complete the Blue Mountain College endowment fund. Is your church on the Glory Roll? Why not get it there at once?

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U.
ATTENDANCE**

	SS	BTU
Starkville (Feb. 3)	284	138
Bogue Chitto (Pike) (Feb. 6)	71	68
Calvary Jackson	803	184
First Church Jackson	900	280
Elliston (Feb. 6)	108	59
New Albany	325	104
Ramah (Franklin)	74	44
West Side Natchez	56	44
Ackerman	97	14
Hardy	61	
Sumner	53	54
Olive Branch	83	46
Gulfport First	419	130
Cross Roads (Webster)	86	
Crystal Springs	324	112
Grenada	71	
Brookhaven	466	136
Ebon (Panola)	43	41
Wallerville	41	26
Griffith Memorial	463	277

BR
CHALLENGE

Let us be challenged by the heights to which men like ourselves can rise. Let us be proud of the fact that we are human beings and, because we are human beings, we contain within ourselves resources of strength and power great enough to enable us to climb far and high. I know that there is much disillusionment, much discouragement, much temptation to take the easy way, the short cut, to do the expedient rather than the right. But we are men, and because we are men we can rise above the dull level of yielding. It is not what destiny does with us, but what we do with destiny that determines what we shall become. When a man is determined, what can stop him?

Cripple him and you have a Sir Walter Scott.

Put him in prison and you have a John Bunyan.

Bury him in the snows of Valley Forge and you have a George Washington.

Have him born in abject poverty and you have a Lincoln.

Load him with bitter racial prejudice and you have a Disraeli.

Afflict him with asthma until as a boy he lives choking in his father's arms and you have a Theodore Roosevelt.

Stab him with rheumatic pains until for years he cannot sleep without an opiate and you have a Steinmetz.

Put him in the grease pit of a locomotive roundhouse and you have a Walter P. Chrysler.

Make him second fiddle in an obscure South American orchestra and you have a Toscanini.

Let life challenge you and be confident in your reply, for you are a man and the hardships of life are sent you not by an unkind destiny, to crush you, but to challenge you. Our "humanity" is not our weakness, but our strength. Despite much of the artificiality of life around us, the two greatest words in the English language still are "I can!"

—Paul Spiecher.

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Correction: The article on page five entitled "Church Funds Should Be Equally Divided" of last week's issue was written by Mrs. H. C. Parker, chairman of the Council of Meridian Church Women. How the name Clark was substituted for Parker is a mystery to everybody in The Baptist Record office. We regret the error.

SCOFFERS BECAME PRAYERS

D. L. Moody tells the story of a young man who enlisted in the army. The first night he was in the barracks with about 15 young men who passed the time playing cards and gambling. Being a Christian, before he went to bed, he knelt down and prayed, but his companions raised a big laugh and one of them threw a shoe at him. So, it went for several nights, until finally the young man went to the chaplain and told him what had taken place, and asked what he should do. The chaplain said, "You are not at home now, and the other men have just as much right to play cards and do what they are doing as you have to pray. It makes them mad to hear you pray, and the Lord knows what you are saying and will hear you just as well if you say your prayers in bed, so I would advise you not to provoke them." For some weeks the chaplain didn't see the young man, but one day he met him, and asked, "By the way, did you take my advice?" "I did for two or three nights." "How did it work?" "Well," said the young man, "I felt like a whipped cur, and the third night I got out of bed and knelt down to pray." "How did that work?" said the chaplain. The young soldier answered, "We have prayer meeting there now every night, and three have been converted, and are praying for the rest."

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**A STATEMENT
FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD OF
THE SOUTH**

The Baptist Brotherhood of the South believes that the Cooperative Program is, and must of necessity remain, the foundation of the financial structure of Southern Baptist work. It is a safe, sound and equitable plan for financing our denominational program.

A diversion of support from the Cooperative Program or a decrease in contributions through the Cooperative Program would seriously affect every cause fostered by Southern Baptists.

If, during 1944, 10,000—fewer than one-half—of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention will average an increase through the Cooperative Program of two hundred dollars a church, the total increase will amount to two million dollars. This will mean two million dollars of new money for the great worldwide program of Southern Baptists.

The Baptist Brotherhood of the South proposes this as a definite goal for 1944, and, to that end, we offer our facilities and our services to our pastors, our state mission secretaries and to Dr. J. E. Dillard, director of promotion for the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Chicago—(RNS)—James L. Kraft, chairman of the board of the Kraft Cheese Company, has been designated as the first recipient of the Russell Colgate Distinguished Service Citation. This citation will be awarded annually to a layman for outstanding work in the field of Christian education. (Editor's note: Mr. Kraft is a prominent Baptist layman.)

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. J. O. Pennington, 61, passed away December 11, 1943. Highland church has lost a faithful, devoted member. She was always ready to serve and was loyal to her church. She will be sadly missed in the church, the home and the entire community. She was an inspiration to all who knew her and her influence will live on in the lives of loved ones and friends.

As we sorrow because of her passing we thank God for her life and bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

May our heavenly Father bless and comfort those whom she leaves with hearts bereaved.

By order of the church a copy is placed on the church minutes, copies given to the members of her family and a copy sent to The Baptist Record.—Clerk of Highland Baptist Church, Tishomingo county.

—BR—

DR. PUGH SHIVERS AT SEVEN AND SWEATS AT EIGHT

Personal letters from Dr. William Barrow Pugh, apparently mailed in India and headed "En route, October 7, 1943," read in part as follows:

"Things have been moving so fast that there has been little or no opportunity to write to anyone outside of my own family. Today I have finally been able to write four or five letters because I am riding very nearly all day on a plane which moves so smoothly that it is possible to write legibly."

"I am now almost ten days behind my schedule, and while it is impossible to estimate time in this trip, it now looks as if I shall not be in the States much before Thanksgiving. I have now completed the Persian Gulf Command having spent the previous three weeks in Northern Africa, Sicily, Egypt and Palestine.

"The trip thus far has been most successful. I have seen personally over 800 chaplains. In addition I have been averaging three or four addresses a day. In between these have been numerous engagements. All these have meant long days from 6 in the morning to 11 at night.

"Last Thursday I was in Teheran, which was fairly comfortable. The next night I was in another place, where I slept under four blankets. I got up on Saturday morning shivering to take a plane at 7:30 which in about an hour landed me in a place where it was about 110 degrees in the shade. Not far from where I was the last couple of days is the place reputed to be the hottest on earth. Tuesday I was at the confluence of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers where the Garden of Eden is supposed to have been. Don't think much of it—not an apple tree anywhere. The soldiers stationed in Iraq and Iran have certainly had a siege of it.

"Our soldiers have done an excellent job here in shipping supplies to Russia. It has been one of the unheralded stories of the war. During the past summer the thermometer hovered around 140 to 160 degrees. How the men stand it is hard to understand.

"It has been most interesting to visit the soldiers in places associated with Daniel, Esther, Mordecai and other figures of the ancient world. The other night I had about 1,500 men under the stars, and somehow there was an almost uncanny note to the old hymns being sung amid such surroundings."



RED CROSS SUNDAY SET FOR FEBRUARY 27

Red Cross Sunday will be observed in the nation's churches February 27, following similar observance of Red Cross Sabbath in synagogues and temples February 25-26. Answering a plea from Norman H. Davis, chairman of the Red Cross, religious leaders will set the spiritual tone of the 1944 Red Cross war fund appeal "in line with those ideals of freedom, justice and mercy for which the churches have always stood."

Appreciative of the work of the Red Cross, ministers who have witnessed its humanitarian services to our armed forces at home and overseas will invite the continued support of their congregations in volunteer services as well as in financial support.

Chairman Davis in his letter to the clergy said:

"We are deeply grateful for the loyalty with which the church people of America have always supported the American Red Cross. In wartime they know that wherever their boys go, the Red Cross is at their side. They know too that the Red Cross is the embodiment of human mercy.

"This year February 27 is being observed by our chapters as Red Cross Sunday. We are hopeful that churches universally will wish to make plans for this occasion. Red Cross Sunday will afford you an opportunity to inspire your people to continue to support the Red Cross generously, both financially and with their volunteer services. Their example as citizens is essential to the achievement of our tremendous 1944 objective.

"When so many of their loved ones are called on to give 'the last full measure of devotion,' the leadership as well as the rank-and-file of the churches will wish to help the Red Cross accomplish its unprecedented task."

—BR—

Warren: "Did you sew a button on my coat, Rosie May?"

Rosie May: "No, I couldn't find the button so I sewed up the button hole."

"What's that ugly insignia on the side of the bomber?"

"Sh-h-h-h. That's the commanding officer looking out of a port hole."

—BR—

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PASTOR QUESTIONS PASTORAL BETROTHAL

(Editor's Note: To refresh our readers' memory we print at the end of this article the item to which Dr. Smith refers.)

I read with a good deal of interest the item in the February 3d issue of the Record entitled: "A Pastoral Betrothal," describing the unique inaugural service staged for the new pastor by a sister church on the northern rim of the Convention. Nothing more serious than a possible case of bigamy seems involved, at the present, assuming the church to be already the bride of Christ. The implications of future involvement, however, seem interesting indeed.

If and when the pastor should elect to go elsewhere, would the present pastoral tie be severed by annulment or straight out divorce? If the former, who would grant it—the moderator of the association, the executive committee sitting as a jury, or the person officiating at the "betrothal"? If by divorce, what would be considered scriptural grounds? Would incompatibility be sufficient, or should there be reasonable proof of outright unfaithfulness, such as having a date with another church or calling in another preacher while the pastor was away on his vacation? Would there be alimony? If so, who would pay it, and how much? Could the R. & A. Board work an alimony clause into the Minister's Retirement contract? Should the union be blessed with children in the way of new members, who would retain custody of these in event of a separation?

If this custom should become general, would it not be wise for pulpit committee to add this question to those customarily asked of prospective pastors: "Do you have a divorce from your last church? If so, on what grounds was it granted, and who was the offending party?" And, by the way, would an exchange of pulpits or employment of a supply pastor constitute living out of ecclesiastical wedlock? Should the association seat delegates from a church separated from its former pastor on other than scriptural grounds?

We hope that you will see fit to give place in your worthy columns to this adventure into the unknown future. We trust also that our Seminaries will take cognizance of these knotty problems and arrange to cover them in their church administration courses, that the minister of the future may be "thoroughly furnished unto every good work." —B. Frank Smith.

A Pastoral Betrothal

A novel inauguration service was used recently when Dr. James A. Stewart became pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville. Addressing the congregation, Dr. G. S. Dobbins, presiding, asking, "Do you take this man to be your true and faithful pastor, and do you solemnly promise to love and cherish him in sickness and in health, through good times and bad times, and to follow his leadership in extending the Kingdom of God?" Solemnly they replied, "We do." Turning then, to the new pastor, Dr. Dobbins asked him, "Do you take this congre-

A CHURCH MUSIC WEEK

The Baptist churches of New Orleans, uniting in the Central church, have just held a most successful Church Music Week. The program consisted of three simultaneous classes—vocal, in charge of Prof. W. Plunkett Martin; hymn playing, led by Mrs. B. W. Nininger of Little Rock, Arkansas; and musical theory and conducting taught by Rev. E. L. Carnett of Mansfield, La. This was followed by a presentation of music and the Scriptures by Prof. O. E. Sellers and the "Challenge of Church Music Program" by Mrs. Nininger. The closing period each evening was devoted to hymn appreciation conducted by Prof. Carnett. On the closing Friday night, following a fine musical program, Dr. H. H. Hobbs of Alexandria, La., brought an inspiring and appropriate address. Many special numbers were rendered during the week. The attendance and interest during the week was the best, and it was urged that a similar program be presented again next year. Some of the churches are planning to hold an individual program for their own members.

This plan of presenting for study the musical programs in the churches is meeting with much interest and success everywhere it has been followed. Too long have Southern Baptists neglected to offer thoughtful and tested suggestions for the conduct of church music. This method is prophetic of a better day. It is hoped that the churches will avail themselves of the summer south-wide gathering at Ridgecrest for the study of church music, which this year will be held the last week in August.

—BR—
REV. J. D. GRIFFIN

Whereas God in His infinite wisdom saw fit on January 6, 1944, to call from our midst our beloved pastor, Rev. J. D. Griffin.

Whereas his going has cast a pall of sadness over our church and community. We the members of Goodyear Baptist Church beg to submit the following tribute:

As a pastor he was loyal, faithful and efficient and lived the gospel he preached. He was interested in all worthy church and county activities. His friends rejoice in the high standard of Christ-like living. He was ever ready to sacrifice his time, talents and means to assist others.

He was loved especially by the young people of the church and surrounding community.

Besides his duty as pastor he assumed the duties of teacher of the adult men's Bible class and sponsor of Royal Ambassadors. For quite a while he was sponsor of Intermediate Union of B. T. U. He was ever ready to assist the Missionary Union in any way possible.

Brother Griffin will be forever missed but our loss is His and heaven's gain.

Done by the Goodyear Baptist Church in special conference January 22, 1944.

Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Clerk.

gation as your God-appointed flock, and do you solemnly promise to serve them faithfully in sickness and in health, in good times and in evil, and forsaking all things else to give yourself without stint to their leadership?" After a significant pause, the new pastor firmly replied, "I do." —The Tie.

Thursday, February 17, 1944

DEPARTMENT OF TRAINING

AUBER J. WILDS
State SecretaryBox 530
Jackson, 105, Miss.Miss Sara Wallis
Associate

Miss Rebecca Louise Trehern

On Sunday January 23d Miss Rebecca Louise Trehern came to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Trehern of Pascagoula. This fine young lady could not have picked a finer home and we know these proud parents are also saying "we could not have picked a finer daughter." Mrs. Trehern is the director of the Training Union of First church Pascagoula, and Mr. Trehern is a valuable member. Congratulations are extended by the Training Union department of the state.

Good reports are still coming in from the associational meetings held Jan. 24th. Many who could not have the meeting at that time have set another date. Any time is a good time if it is a time when people can attend. We have some of the printed programs we will be glad to furnish any association not already having received supply.

Lebanon and Hinds-Warren Associations in the 1,000 Class

Out of the 900 associations in the Southern Baptist Convention only 41 requested a thousand or more Training Union study course awards for last year. We are happy to report that two of our associations were in the number, Lebanon and Hinds-Warren. Lebanon requested 1,113 and Hinds-Warren requested 1,136. Congratulations to the leadership in these two good associations. Rev. Garland McInnis is director of Lebanon, and Mr. Clifton R. Tate is director of Hinds-Warren. Hinds-Warren has been in this "over a thousand" list for several years. Next year when we report for 1944 we hope to be able to add other associations to the list.

Griffith Memorial Jackson Makes the Honor Roll Again

Forty-one churches out of the 25,000 in the Southern Baptist Convention requested over 200 Training Union study course awards in 1943. We are extending our congratulations to Griffith Memorial church Jackson on their record. Only two other churches in this list of 25,000 gave more awards than they. The first was Woodland Park, Chattanooga, with 500, the second was Bouie's Chapel, N. C., with 423, then Griffith Memorial with 398. You will remember in 1942 Griffith took first place in this field, but in the light of the advantage in membership of many churches, third place is an enviable record. Congratulations to all concerned and especially to Pastor L. W. Ferrell and the director, Mrs. L. R. Williams.

Awards For January

Four hundred fifty study course awards were issued in Mississippi in January. Pike county led with 74, Lincoln 70, Deer Creek 67, Lawrence 50. These represent the high four. In the list of awards the Adults led with 146, Juniors second with 117, Intermediates third with 87, Young People fourth with 83, Administration 14.

Starkville Holds Helpful Training School

The week of January 30-February 4 the Starkville church conducted their annual training school for the Training Union. Miss Margaret Ray taught the Juniors, Rev. Harold Douglas, educational director of the church, taught the Intermediates, Miss Wilds Tilghman, student secretary at M. S. C. W., taught the Young People, Miss Sara Wallis had the class for leaders, and the Adults were taught by Auber J. Wilds. In addition to class work new leaders were enlisted and an enlarged program set in motion. Dr. Ray, the beloved pastor, who has served the church so well for many years, is rejoicing in the fine progress the educational work of the church is making under the untiring leadership of Mr. Douglas who came, January 1st, to give half time to the church as educational director. He also serves as student secretary at Mississippi State College. During the week it was the privilege of the state workers to talk to some of the Mississippi State Students. We went to Columbus one day and talked to the girls at their noon day worship service—speaking in the interest of our summer program—and on Saturday a trip to Blue Mountain to confer with the girls there regarding our plans for the summer. It was a busy and profitable week.

New Prospect in Lafayette County Has Mid-Winter Study Course

Our rural churches have learned that they can have study courses in mid-winter also. More and more our churches are having two and more study courses a year. If only two, one in the summer, the other in the winter. New Prospect, Lafayette county, has just closed a course for their Training Union. Three classes were taught. The Juniors studied Trail Makers in Other Lands, Mrs. T. F. Alexander, one of the Junior leaders of the Oxford church, teaching. The Intermediates studied The Meaning of Church Membership, Mrs. Auber J. Wilds, Intermediate leader of the Oxford church, teaching. The Adults studied Investments in Christian Living under the leadership of Auber J. Wilds. Moving pictures showing Baptist work in Mississippi were shown each evening at the intermission period. Rain and other hindrances kept the crowd from being as large as it otherwise would have been, but it was a good week with some thirty taking the examination. Pastor J. L. Courson is leading in a fine way. His interest brought him over a round trip of about 25 miles each night. Such cooperation, though expected, is deeply appreciated.

Will March catch you without plans for a study course in your unions?

Are you properly evaluating the Standard of Excellence?

Are your committees called on every Sunday for a report?



DR. J. D. GREY

THE BAPTIST HOUR

Date: February 20, 1944—7:30 CWT
—8:30 EWT.

Speaker: Dr. J. D. Grey, New Orleans, La.

Subject: "The Suffering God."

Network now includes 36 stations—
eight 50,000 watt stations.

The Baptist Hour programs can be heard in this area over Stations WSLI, Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; WKWH, Shreveport; WREC, Memphis, and WSM, Nashville.

—BR—
A HAPPY OCCASION AT PASS CHRISTIAN

On the fourth Sunday in January my church here celebrated my fifteenth anniversary. Some of our folks planned it as a surprise to us. In fact, I have been so busy these years and so happy in my work that I hardly thought of how long I had been here. On the fourth Sunday morning I had planned my program and was just about ready to go into the pulpit when Prof. French, our Sunday school superintendent, asked me to let him say a word. He said that they had decided to let me rest a little longer since I had been sick. Then he had a lot of nice things to say about Mrs. Allen and the pastor. He called on Miss Della Tullos to give a review of the work from the organization of the church on Sunday afternoon of November 27th, 1927, with ten charter members, to the end of 1943. This is certainly a very interesting history. My pastorate began on January 1st, 1929. Soon after, we entered the present building on February 24, 1929. Dr. R. B. Gunter preached the opening sermon. These fifteen years have been very busy years and often the way has been hard and difficult but they have been happy years. The Lord has blessed us beyond measure. No pastor was ever treated better by any church anywhere. We have enjoyed the confidence and cooperation of these people all these years. Toward the close of the program Prof. French called on Mrs. Frank Wharton to have a word to say. She came forward and after some lovely remarks, presented the pastor and his wife a "love gift." When Mrs. Allen and I got home and counted our "love gift" we found it amounted to a little over \$120. Mrs. Allen and I were called on to respond to all this and you know how one feels under such circumstances. Of

KNOW YOUR BIBLE

BIBLE QUESTIONS FOR TEACHER AND CLASS

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, MISSISSIPPI STATE BAPTIST CONVENTION

(Correct answers on Page Fifteen.)

1. In Luke 12:38 reference is made to "the second watch, or the third watch," etc. Can you describe the time periods of first, second and third watches? • • •

2. When Lot's wife did not heed the angel's advice (Gen. 19:15), to leave the "cities of the plain" she "became a pillar of salt" (verse 26). How would you interpret verse 26? • • •

3. What is the meaning of the word "parables" as in Matthew 13:10? • • •

4. Isaiah 52:10 reads, "The Lord hath made bare his holy arm." What is the meaning of this?

course, we were happy and grateful beyond measure but just a little too full for utterance. Miss Wellie Caldwell, one of our school teacher members, had a lot to do with getting this program up.

And at Bay St. Louis

While Bay St. Louis did not have a formal program in honor of our fifteen years as their pastor, they had given us a very substantial "love gift" too and in many ways expressed their appreciation. We have served Bay St. Louis these fifteen years in connection with Pass Christian. We have had the same happy experience in serving Bay St. Louis we have had here. We think we have about the best people in the world. We love our people and we love to work with them and they have given us every evidence of their love and loyalty too. As we have often said, in many ways this is a hard field. It is a mission field. Our churches do not have the wealth and numbers that some other churches have. It means something to stand for the things that Baptists believe and stand for in an atmosphere like this. But we have some as loyal Baptists here as you will find anywhere on earth. In spite of all the hardships and difficulties the work has grown and will continue to grow.

In connection with our work here we have a small group of Baptists out at Kiln to whom we preach on one Sunday afternoon in each month. They are faithful and loyal too.

The outlook is bright for the future. We thank God for bringing us here and allowing us to live and work and serve in this field. No words of ours can express our gratitude to the good people who have been so loyal and faithful through these years. We only wish we could express our appreciation of the loyal and generous support given to our work by our Baptist State Convention Board. We have never presented our needs to this Board without receiving the most kindly and generous consideration and help. We will always thank God for the wonderful help and encouragement given us by Dr. R. B. Gunter, and Dr. D. A. McCall. Many times they have written words of encouragement when such words were most needed.—W. S. Allen.

—BR—
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Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

February Emphasis

ENLARGEMENT THROUGH VISITATION is the special Sunday school emphasis for February. This year we are suggesting a particular emphasis for each month. What more important item can a school emphasize than this one for February? Practically everything is involved in this because it has to do with attendance, and attendance is the basis upon which we must work for all we do. If the people are not there, there is no Sunday school.

Therefore, let all schools put forth every effort possible during February to enlarge through visitation.

Worthy Programs

We recently had a letter from Dr. W. S. Hardin, associational Sunday school superintendent of Sunflower Association, in which he stated that they had had a splendid meeting and the association has set as a goal for this year the following: A study course in every church; a Vacation Bible school in every church; 225 book awards. Also, not less than four standard Sunday schools, two of which they have now.

We also recently had a letter from Rev. Paul D. Boothe, the Port Gibson pastor, in which he stated that after a meeting with the officers and teachers of their school, they have launched out on a definite visitation program and voted to use the standard as their program of work.

These are two illustrations, one associational and one a local school of the leaders having the right idea with reference to something definite and very worth while toward which to work. We wish that every school and every association in the entire state would also adopt some specific objectives for this year. There is nothing that will help more than to have the workers aiming toward certain definite goals, that are both worthy and attainable.

They Were Scattered Abroad

J. C. Hockett, Jr.

Every cloud has a silver lining, but human nature is inclined to look at the shadow. During the last two years many superintendents have developed a "dollar a day frown" by this practice. We have witnessed the scene of Acts 8:1 re-enacted, enlarged, and multiplied a thousand times. The persecution which followed the stoning of Stephen sent to the four corners of the earth the Christians, who, except the apostles, were the best grounded in faith, the most experienced, the most highly trained, and the best fitted to carry on at home. One would imagine that James and the other leaders left at Jerusalem would live under the shadow of this loss for the rest of their lives. Strangely enough, the book of Acts carries no such record. The direct opposite is so apparent that the era went down in history as the spread of the gospel.

Among Southern Baptists there is hardly a church that has not lost some of its workers. One church sent to war and war work eleven of its sixty Sunday school workers in one week, and there were other bad

weeks. In one state 900 of its 1,700 Sunday schools changed superintendents during one quarter. Teachers by the thousands have given up their classes because of conditions brought on by war. Tragedy has stalked in the train of their departure when the superintendent failed to secure other teachers. Our greatest loss in enrollment has occurred while the leaders were dazed.

Look at the silver side, for there is a brighter side. When the best trained and most effective workers left, the church was no worse off than it was before they were enlisted. The man who sells his house for cash is not necessarily without a home. The cash should supply another. The same zeal and initiative will find, enlist, and train other workers. Facilities for the training of workers are better now than they were twenty years ago. Help in training can be more easily secured. Every association has one or more officers committed to this task. Every new worker enlisted now is an addition to the sum total of Southern Baptist forces. There must be available at the present time a million capable and waiting to be called. Why worry and delay?

They that were scattered abroad are among our best. Many of them are trained in the finest traditions of our history, our doctrines, and our methods. Thousands are endowed with the best in spirit, armed with practical experience, and strengthened by genuine conviction born of study and prayer. They are a part of us, as near as hands and feet. They have not gone from us. Their training and experience constitute a fine investment and will, if we are wise, bring rich returns. True they have moved in the great shuffle and some are still out of adjustment. They have changed pews, but they still know how to pray. As was the case at Jerusalem, this shuffle has distributed to all parts of the earth one of the finest missionary forces in history.

Practically all churches may benefit by what has happened. Each superintendent can accept his share of trained workers that come to him and can lend to the world those who have gone. Some of the best of Southern Baptists may have moved into the community. It is ours to find them and give them a chance to carry on where they left off. It is ours to meet them more than halfway. We can notify the pastor of the church in the community to which workers have gone. He will welcome them. We can pray for those still unattached. Some of these will open new fields. Some will be the spark to kindle the fires in backward and indifferent churches. Let us thank God that we had them. Let us plan at once for worthy successors. Let us build nobly on the foundations each helped to lay at the home base.

**Some Great Bible Doctrines**

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upon God and the Son of God such sorrow and suffering. Thus, repentance is in fact a change of mind, or, as it is often called, "a change of heart."

When a person repents, he hates sin. He hates it for what it does to himself, blighting his life and causing him to lose his soul. He hates it for what it has done to the Lord. When he reads in the Word of God: "Christ died for our sins," his soul is filled with grief. This new attitude toward sin is evidence of true repentance. It is as Paul said: "How can we that are dead to sin live any longer therein?" (Rom. 6:2). Someone has said that man begins his life with his face away from God, but when he repents, and trusts Christ as Saviour, he turns his face toward God. He regrets every sin of thought and deed, and his regret is of such a nature that he determines, with God's help, to break with sin, and give his life to the service of Christ. This forming of a new purpose is the very finest evidence of genuine repentance.

It is a marvelous truth that God Himself, in His goodness and grace, operates upon the mind of man to bring about this repentance. Instead of leaving man to his own poor, inadequate, unavailing devices, such as good deeds and church membership, God Himself acts upon the man's heart, pointing out to him what sin has cost man, and what its remedy has cost God. When man's heart is stirred, as a result of the working of God on his heart, grace indeed has been at work on man's behalf. It is as Paul said: "Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long-suffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" (Rom. 2:4).

Repentance is repeated many times in the life of a believer. Salvation is not repeated. So far as the soul is concerned, repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as atoning Saviour will secure eternal life for the believer. But now that the new life has been born in him, the struggle with sin starts in earnest. The growth in grace from here on is slow or rapid according to the believer's repentant walk of faith. Paul said that it was his experience, all through life, that when he would do good, evil was present with him. Sin becomes more abhorrent to the Christian as he grows older, than it was when he was first converted. The more intimate he becomes with the Lord Jesus, through the study of the Scriptures and prayer, the more pronounced the contrast appears be-

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others dedicating themselves to a closer walk with the Lord. What a dynamo for God is this Christian Jew. Never have we heard the saving gospel of Christ preached with such indisputable logic and clearness. He is as truly sent from God as was the Apostle Paul.

Brother Appelman's work has been wonderfully supported and made effective through the capable and consecrated leadership of Bro. Carroll in the praise service. He surely knows how to do it and apparently with the greatest ease. We thank God that Brother Appelman has him with him for all the Mississippi meetings.

Then, what would our young people have done without Mrs. Appelman? Her helpful devotional messages will surely be of permanent value. Not only were they heard with the ear but, through her skillful use of the flan-o-graph, they were seen with the eye. Truths visualized do not go in one eye and out the other. Finer and better yet, she led our young people into a closer prayer life that will change the course of many of their lives.

Pray for these flaming evangelists as they have gone from Laurel to McComb; then, Jackson, Columbus, New Albany and Clarksdale L. G. GATES

tween Christ's righteousness and the sinner's imperfections and sins. The apostle Peter knew this when he wrote, by divine inspiration: "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Thus, the soul becoming more sensitive to sin, because of the indwelling Holy Spirit of God, spiritual things being spiritually discerned, repentance comes more quickly, and the child of God grows into the full stature of a Christian. Daily, this continues, all through the Christian's life. Since the incoming of the Holy Spirit into the life of the believer, and this new sensitivity to sin, the will of God is discerned more easily, and the heart responds more quickly to the Holy Spirit's promptings. It is as when a child has done some wrong, or failed a parent in some way, and all that is necessary to correct this situation is to suggest to the child that the parent's heart is grieved because of this thing. Immediately, the child, if his heart is right, craves forgiveness, and is in the depths of sorrow for having wounded the parent. Thus it is with the child of God, as he grows in grace. Thus repentance continues its work of progress toward perfection, this perfection never being fully attained in this life, but progress made in that direction.

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Thursday, February 17, 1944

"THE PATH TO PEACE"
II Chron. 15:5

Three brief chapters cover the reign of King Asa over Judah. His kingship covers a period of forty-one years. During the first part of his reign the nation was at peace. The tragedy lies in the fact that it refused to remain in that blessed state. Peace lasted only so long as men would let it last, then, and likewise now. Should one review the history of the world he might get the impression that the doom of death and defeat has been written across the face of every society and culture produced by man; yet such is not the case. John Haynes Holmes in his book, "Out of Darkness," makes this important observation: "As man is the maker of all that is great and glorious in the human record, so he is the defacer and destroyer of this same greatness and glory." There isn't some force that imposes such conditions upon mankind, they are conspired and worked up by men from within. Man is responsible for the conditions that prevail.

Three things strike our attention as we read the history of God's nation during the reign of King Asa. We believe that it is not only the picture of destruction and war, but points one to "The Path to Peace."

The writer gives a vivid portrayal of the conditions existing with the nation at war. "And in those days there was no peace." The crime of war is the fact that it destroys peace. It affects everything, from the buying of an automobile to a bar of laundry soap. Mothers are disturbed about sons, wives about husbands, together we are all disturbed as to the outcome which is ahead. Nations were seeking to destroy nations, then and likewise now. Everything was out of harmony and thrown into confusion. "For God did vex them with all adversities." War always brings other disturbances. Worry causes physical and mental stress among the people. Seemingly everything happens to add to our confusion. We only have to keep up with the passing events to see that the date of crime is higher, suicides more frequent, mental disability and nervous collapses common. The whole thing was summed up by the prophet in saying, "There is no peace." Is it not strange that man with all his skill, wisdom, and knowledge, cannot live at peace with his fellowman? He can harness the elements and use their power, but cannot bridle the selfish ambitions of his fellow creatures.

The second thing the writer reveals is the wisdom of Asa. (Read II Chron. 14:2-5; 15:8.) Asa took courage through faith in God and the first thing he did was to remove the abominable idols out of all the land. He took away the altars of strange gods, broke down the images, and commanded the people to seek the Lord and do the law and commandments. Surely the world leaders need the wisdom of Asa, which is the wisdom to do the will of God. Altars which have been erected to strange gods need to be removed from our land. . . . While we are calling for and desperately in need of money with which to carry on the war, \$10,000 was asked to "Investigate the liquor shortage." Some of the people in our

Christian land are bemoaning the fact that our present stock has dwindled to a measly 300,000,000 gallons! "Strange altars"—drink! Altars upon which the lives of millions have been sacrificed. We read of the mothers in India tossing their babies to the crocodiles and call it heathenism. Yet we rear ours to young manhood and womanhood, then erect the altars to stand on which their souls as well as their bodies are sacrificed. Which is the more heathen?

While our boys are bleeding, fighting and dying, wading through mud to their hips, drenched with rain, sleeping on hillsides behind rocks and in caves, millions of our people living in luxury and ease, are grumbling and striking for higher wages and personal advantages. "Strange altars"—selfishness and personal gain! The altars on which we gladly sacrifice the lives of our fellowmen, if by so doing we can make a profit. No wonder God allows His people to become vexed with adversities on every hand. King Asa removed these evils and called the people back to God. We have made a feeble pretension of calling the people to God, but at the same time proved our insincerity by making no attempt to remove the evil from the land. Surely in the eyes of God it must be mockery.

But now may we look with the prophet at the third thing, The Path to Peace. "And Asa did that which was right and good in the eyes of God." The world is so full of the bad because men have failed to do that which is good. God is waiting now for the same thing He has always waited for, for men to turn from doing evil and to begin doing that which is right in His sight. We are doing all that is necessary in the eyes of men. We make more and better tanks, ships, guns, airplanes; produce more iron, copper, brass and steel than other nations; but, we are failing wretchedly to do "that which is good in the eyes of God." The former can bring no lasting peace, if we continue to go lacking in the latter. War only begets war; fighting simply calls for another fight. The only path to peace is the path that leads men back to God. King Asa called a national convention and the people entered into a covenant to seek God with all their hearts. We are strong on conventions and conferences but as yet none has been for the purpose of seeking God's help and guidance. Not conferences, but conversions, is the desperate need of the hour. At the close of the other war, Ambassador Herrick made the following statement, quoting from the Pulpit Digest, October issue:

"These ten years have been years of disillusion. When the war was finished we thought we would enter a paradise. We thought peace would come like the rising of the sun. We didn't realize we could not return into peace with all these troubles behind us. After ten years, everybody was making faces at his neighbor, and we were discrediting millions of those who died to make peace possible." The signing of a man-made armistice does not guarantee peace.

May we learn that The Path to Peace is the road that brings men back to God. It can be lasting by no method, obtained by no other power. This road must begin in the heart of individuals and will strike the main

**OVERSEAS CHAPLAIN SEES
INTEREST GROW**

We quote excerpts from Willis Brown's letter:

"I have kept up with the progress of people and institutions through The Baptist Record, and it is very encouraging from the standpoint of future prospects for which we may all be thankful. We had a plane crash the other day in which circumstances were worse than the one described last time, if possible. I knew most of these fellows personally. Our losses have been very light, however, in actual combat missions. To the co-pilot of this ill-fated plane I had just recently given a New Testament with Psalms, which he carried in his pocket, and which was soiled in the region of the 91st Psalm: 'I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress.' . . . He had told me that before each of his missions as a pilot of the British Lancaster in the R. A. F. before being transferred, he had read the 91st Psalm and prayed: 'Lord, if it is your will we will come back; if not, I won't be afraid.' His crew had great faith in their pilot. All save the pilot and co-pilot were badly burned, even beyond recognition. I thought you might like to know how many of our fellows are facing and meeting the realities of war even in the air corps. The latest news from home: 'To you a son is born, and his name shall be called Willis (maybe Bill for short). Mother and baby fine. It is to be devoutly hoped that the father will recover. My work here is growing in scope, in interest, and, I pray, in results obtained. Personal contacts on the line, in the shops, barracks, hospitals, day rooms, and at briefings for raids reveals a felt need on the part of an increasingly large number of our men for Christ's message of love and salvation and peace that passeth understanding. It is a joy to see them take advantage of opportunities to confess Him before men and to rededicate themselves to His 'kingdom's sure increase.' We attended a Thanksgiving service in a very beautiful and ancient historical English Cathedral in a nearby town. We were especially thankful for personal and military victories for which we ascribe all the glory to God, by whose grace some day soon military victory will be complete, and we can turn our minds and hearts to things of peace. Though the weather has been consistently bad this month, causing many cases of colds and flu, I have so far kept out of reach of the doctor."

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Pascagoula, First church: For several years we have had the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record. For 1944 we have also included The Commission and Southern Baptist Home Missions in our budget. This is certainly a move of great wisdom and a step far to the front. Baptists, being members of a spiritual democracy, MUST BE intelligent and informed IF they be their best and carry on as true New Testament Christians to the glory of God. Without doubt, the greatest day of Christian missions is just ahead and the membership of our church needs to know about it.

thoroughfare, when Christ comes back again.—Joe W. Hudson, Bassfield.

ORDER KITS TODAY

If your church has not yet ordered any kits, do so today and write me how many. Order kits from Russian Relief Committee, Atlanta, Georgia. But drop me a card telling the number ordered.

MRS. J. A. ANDERSON
Chairman, Russian Kits Campaign
Belzoni, Mississippi
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A pastor who recently came to Mississippi in a personal letter to the editor, says, "We are looking forward to our work in Mississippi. Though I am not a Mississippian, my intentions are to become a part of the denominational life of Mississippi. I attended the convention at Jackson, and I was reared in the home of a denominational man, and I believe in it with all my heart. My record will prove that. Please feel free to call on me at every time my services are needed, and I will answer the call gladly. Our church has had the Baptist paper going into every home for nearly a year, and I note with pleasure that the church to which I came has had The Baptist Record in its budget for some time. I shall push it continually." (Editor's note: That's the spirit. In fact, most men who come from other states feel that way.)

Clinton: Naval authorities recently complimented Mississippi College and its dietitian, Miss Vonda Webb of Indianola, on the service rendered and the quality of food served V-12 trainees here. During the past semester the cadets were fed for 78 cents each day, one of the lowest costs in the nation.

New Albany: Our records for 1943 reveal the following: Additions, by letter, 93; for baptism, 64; by restoration, 5; total, 162. Eleven were lost by death, and 49 moved their letters, making a total of 60 losses. Net gain in membership was 102. Our present membership is 978. Total receipts for the year amounted to \$21,437.73. The total given to missions was \$6,956.01, and of this amount, \$3,055.88 was given through the Co-operative Program. The average on record for this church. Other facts not now at hand will be given later. —Church Bulletin.

A liquor store for women only is being operated in downtown Mobile by the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, Dr. E. G. Ray, chairman, announced recently. (Editor's note: This is not an advertisement. It is published in order to let our people know the kind of country for which our boys are fighting.)

In the Church Bulletin, Pastor L. E. Green of First church, Pascagoula, says that the editor of Kentucky's Western Recorder was correct when he said: "Staid, scholarly, emotionless preaching in any pulpit will inevitably produce cold formality and growing unconcern about genuine spirituality in the pew."

The Bible, close communion, restricted baptism, doctrinal preaching of the vigorous dogmatic kind, and many other things are old-fashioned. But sunshine, rain, pure air, cornfield peas, hominy grits, turnip greens and such are old-fashioned. Better beware of throwing either group of them away just because they are old-fashioned."—Bulletin, First Baptist Church, Pascagoula.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for February 20

JESUS DRAWS CONTRASTS

Bible Text: Mark 9:30-10:45

Printed Text: Mark 9:33-39;

10:13-16, 42-45

Introduction.

Our Lord is herein drawing contrasts between the spirit of the world and the spirit of the kingdom. The spirit in which an act is performed, a course of action, or a whole career, determines its character. Sir Launfal gave a leper a golden coin; Sir Launfal gave a leper a half of the last poor crust and a draught of branch water from a wooden bowl, but the latter gift was much richer than the former because of the different spirit that moved the giver.

Somewhere I read the story of an old good man who made it a rule to be good to the servants of the Lord who visited the wild country in which he lived; yonder in the wild west in the wild days. The good man prospered and as an incident of his goodness, because he was good, not so much because he did good, but because he was good. Now, an oily, designing, crafty neighbor of the good man noted his conduct and noticed also that he prospered. So the crafty neighbor reasoned within himself, saying, "So! I will also do good to the missionaries and other servants of religion in order that thrift may follow." And the story ran that he did not thrive. The spirit of the deed was sordid.

I. The Spirit of Selfishness; The Spirit of Humble Service. Mark 9:33-37.

The disciples were dominated by the spirit of the world. We know the sort of a kingdom they were looking for, the sort of kingdom they wanted with all the longing of passionate hearts. Their Lord told them that they were trying in the wrong way to secure what He was preparing. If any man would be great, let him learn to be small; if any man would be first, let him learn to be last; if any man would rise high in the estimation of God, let him stoop low in the estimation of the world.

II. The Spirit of the Snob: the Spirit of the Christian Condescension. Vs. 37-39.

The world is full of climbers-upward: I mean this in every walk of life. There is in the Christian ministry entirely too much of it. The little preacher who wants to cut a wide swath, and the wife of that little preacher, want to "rise in the denomination," and make for themselves a large place in the religious and social life of the city and the state and the southland. There must, therefore, be great care exercised lest a too friendly attitude toward ordinary people lead the great to class them all as birds of a feather, and thus bar the upward climbers from the summit. There is something in his attitude which repels the advances of those whom the snob regards as his inferiors. Now, this spirit is contrasted with the spirit which condescends to men and women of low estate. No man ever

lowered himself in the sight of the Lord by assuming and maintaining an attitude of undeviating friendliness toward all classes of people. Our Lord needs the services of all classes of people: the good? Yes! The bad? Certainly! Else he never would have wanted you or me. "Receive one of such little children." What sort? Any sort.

III. The Spirit of Christian Cooperation: the Spirit of Narrow Exclusiveness. Vs. 38, 39.

The man who is doing the work of the Lord for the sake of the Lord is the Lord's man. He may not belong to your set or mine, he may not play golf on your course or mine, he may not vote with you or me, he may not even belong to the same church you or I belong to, he may not even be a member of your denomination or mine, but "there is no man who shall do a mighty work in my name, and be able quickly to speak evil of me," said the Lord, and elsewhere He spoke words which mean that those who do not work against Him are with Him.

IV. The Hindering Spirit: the Helpful Spirit. Mark 10:13-16.

Thing that amazes me is that the hinderers in this case were the followers of Jesus, and the best men in the country. They evidently thought the children were of consequence to His work so slight that Jesus just must not be bothered with them. Is there a man in your town or a woman whom you regard in that light? Nay, do you even think the little children of your home or of your neighbor's are of small consequence to the cause of the Lord and the heart of Him? Maybe you need to revise your opinion in regard to some cases about you.

Among the best men in my little church while I was a student was one who came at the end of a service to console the visiting preacher over the fact that we were having no professions of faith by telling him that there were no prospects there. The visiting brother, not knowing who his consoler was, pulled from his pocket a list of names of unconverted children which had been given him by a pair of Sunday school teachers, and showed the good man the names of two of his own children.

Let all who shall attain the childlike spirit come to Jesus. They will do so, if they are unhindered. He is just attractive to them, all of them who have come to be of the childlike spirit. Remove the restraints and the children will come. Let us older ones do nothing to hinder. For the very kingdom is made of those of childlike, trusting, unselfish, teachable spirit. They come in the only way anyone can come to Jesus.

(Author's note. Please excuse me this once. I am and have been ill for some days and am writing anything just yet against the doctor's advice. Will do better next time, if the Lord will.)

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WEST END BAPTIST CHURCH REVIVAL



Results of revivals in the winter are shown in the picture above. When the West End Baptist Church at West Point considered the idea of a revival in winter, some wanted to "call it off" because the time suggested was in February. Venturing into the revival, however, the results astonished the community. There

were 27 additions, 23 being baptized, including seven men. Many of that group are now fine workers in the church, Sunday school and Training Union. Enlistment Pastor E. D. Estes led in the revival. He is a strong believer in winter evangelism, as well as summer work. He is shown with his Bible, on the front row.

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR

February

Evangelism—

Soul Winning Revival—February 6-20—McComb, Hyman Appelman, Evangelist.

Three-day Evangelistic Conference—February 14-16—McComb.

Soul Winning Revival—February 20-March 5—Jackson, Hyman Appelman, Evangelist.

Three-day Evangelistic Conference—February 28-March 1—Jackson.

Cooperative Program Emphasis.

Now Club Emphasis.

Tithes and Offerings.

Daily Bible Reading.

Mississippi Baptists Will Owe No More—November 1, 1944.

Sunday School—

Associational Meetings.

W. M. U.—

Y. W. A. Focus Week—February 6-11.

Preparation for Home Mission Season of Prayer.

B. T. U.—

Tour of Colleges by State Workers, Associational Officers and Leaders Conferences.

Stewardship Sunday, February 13.

Student Evangelistic Week, February 6-13.

Church Schools of Missions and Stewardship.

March

Evangelism—

Soul Winning Revival—March 5-19—Columbus, Hyman Appelman, Evangelist.

Three-day Evangelistic Conference—March 6-8—Columbus.

Soul Winning Revival—March 19-April 2—New Albany, Hyman Appelman, Evangelist.

Three-day Evangelistic Conference—March 20-22—New Albany.

Cooperative Program Emphasis.

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Daily Bible Reading.

Mississippi Baptists Will Owe No More—November First, 1944.

FROM THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE IN ATLANTA

The full quota of guaranteed rooms for messengers from the respective states to the Southern Baptist Convention has been filled. We have used every one of the 805 rooms guaranteed by the hotels holding membership in the Hotel Men's Association, and in several instances we have gone beyond the number of rooms guaranteed. There may be a few more rooms available in the large hotels, through cancellations.

We are now at work to see how many rooms may be offered in smaller hotels. We are very carefully checking these hotels through local authorities to assure our visitors that they will be in a wholesome environment, even though they may not have all the accommodations of the larger hotels. We are at work on a list of private homes in which messengers to the Convention may find lodging. We will do our very best to take care of every person who writes for a room, but we definitely advise that no one come without advanced reservation.

Louie D. Newton, Chairman,
1085 Ponce de Leon Ave., N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

—BR—

Volunteer participation of pastors and people is being relied on to complete the Blue Mountain College endowment fund. Is your church on the Glory Roll? Why not get it there at once?

S. S.—Home and Foreign Mission Day in the Sunday Schools.

W. M. U.—Home Mission Season of Prayer—February 28-March 3.

B. T. U.—Study Course Month (Churches Using Local Talent).

State Workers in Enlargement Campaign.

Associational Mass Meetings.

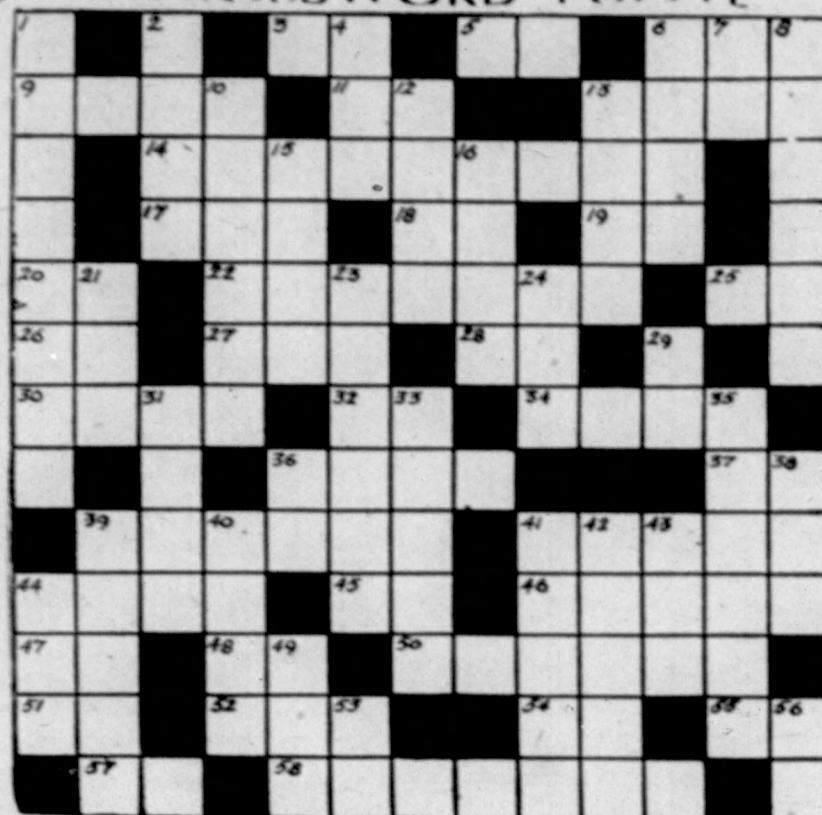
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Home and Foreign Mission Day in Sunday School and Offering, March 26.

Training Union Study Courses.

Thursday, February 17, 1944

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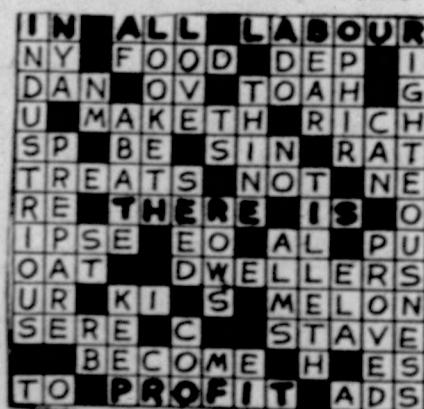


"...use need lest by any means this iniquity of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak."—I Cor. 8:9.

**EXAMPLE
ACROSS**

- 3 "but . . . thou an example," I Tim. 4:12.
- 5 "as . . . have us for an example," Phil. 3:17.
- 6 Convulsive sigh.
- 9 Possesses.
- 11 Recording secretary.
- 13 "Now these things . . . our examples," I Cor. 10:6.
- 14 "Be not ye . . . partakers with them," Eph. 5:7.
- 17 "as an . . . whose leaf fadeth," Isa. 1:30.
- 18 Left end (football).
- 19 "... all things shewing thyself a pattern," Tit. 2:7.
- 20 Old Latin.
- 22 "law of the Lord is . . ." Ps. 19:7.
- 25 "ye shall be holy; for I . . . holy," Lev. 11:44.
- 26 "... are his people," Ps. 100:3.
- 27 Compass point.
- 28 Trust receipts.
- 30 "also so to walk, . . . as he walked," I John 2:6.
- 32 "even . . . Christ forgave you, so also do ye," Col. 3:13.
- 34 "they may by . . . good works," I Peter 2:12.
- 36 Measure of length, Ex. 28:16.
- 37 Babylonian deity.
- 39 "The . . . loveth the Son," John 3:35.
- 41 "follow not that . . . is evil," III John 11.
- 44 Mixture of left-over food.
- 45 Egyptian sun god.
- 46 Edges of the roof.
- 47 "He that doeth good . . . of God," III John 11.
- 48 "ye shall not walk . . . the manners of the nation," Lev. 20:23.
- 50 ". . . and earth shall pass away," Mark 13:31.
- 51 Saint.
- 52 "do not ye after their works: for they . . . and do not," Matt. 23:3.
- 54 Verso (left-hand page).
- 55 "but being ensamples . . . the flock," I Peter 5:3.
- 57 "and . . . set down at the right

Answer to last week's puzzle



THE BAPTIST RECORD

Touching The Bases

By Fred Langley

On February 5, 1944, our services in the Military Camps and Defense Centers came to a close with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board after approximately two and one-half years. We are grateful to Mississippi Baptists, the Convention Board, the Executive Committee, the Executive Secretary—The Baptist Record, and every reader of this column. Each has contributed a definite part in making this service useful and helpful. The churches in all of these areas have been most cooperative. All of these contacts have been a great blessing to me, and I trust helpful to others.

At the present time our plans are not definite, but we will continue to serve the military personnel in the Jackson area, since we have been elected chairman of two armed service committees of different organizations in the First Baptist Church of Jackson. Units included in the Jackson area will be the Foster General Hospital, Jackson Army Air Base, Mississippi Ordnance Plant, Flora, and the Clinton Internment Camp. We urge you to write us and continue to pray for us that we may help "to make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His Kingdom."

—Psalm 145:12.

53 "be not . . . like your fathers," II Chron. 30:7.
56 "reproaches of them that reproached thee fell . . . me," Rom. 15:3.

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13. George.
14. Greene.

*Brother Ray will also be the God's Storehouse and Enlistment man in both northern districts.

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Note: The figures in parentheses refer to the number of counties in that association.

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THREE DAY CONFERENCE

(Continued from Page One)

2:30-4:30—Bible Study in Evangelism—W. H. Davis.

Evening Service

7:30

Song and Prayer Service.
Message—R. G. LeTourneau (35 minutes).

Gospel Message—Hyman Appelman.

Wednesday**Morning Session**

9:15—Song and Prayer—Carl Kosanke.

9:30—My Favorite Revival Sermon—H. W. Shirley.

10:00—Gospel Message—Hyman Appelman.

11:15—Conserving Results of Revival—Joe T. Odle.

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→ GRAY'S OINTMENT

ARMY-NAVY TESTS AT CLINTON

The third Army-Navy College Qualifying Test for the Army Specialized Training Program and the Navy College Program V-12 which will be given throughout the country on Wednesday, March 15, at 9:00 a. m., will be administered at Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi, Dean W. H. Sumrall announced today. A leaflet of general information which contains an admission-identification form may be obtained at Mississippi College. This form properly filled out will admit to the test students between the ages of 17 and 21, inclusive, who are high school graduates or who will be graduated by July 1, 1944. Intent to take the test should be made known immediately to Dean W. H. Sumrall in order that the necessary test supplies may be ordered.

The same examination will be taken by both Army and Navy candidates. The examination is designed to test the aptitude and general knowledge required for the program of college training and all qualified students are urged to take the test. At the time of the test each candidate will be given a choice of service preference, but taking the test does not obligate the candidate to enlist in the service.

The Army Specialized Training Program is aimed to meet the Army's needs for specialists and technicians in certain critical fields of study. Academic work is at the college level at government expense.

The Navy College Program also enables students to continue academic training at government expense. Successful completion of the prescribed courses may, following further office training, lead to a commission in the Navy.

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HELPFUL HINTS TO SERVICE MEN

From one of our chaplains The Baptist Record has received a pamphlet giving helpful hints to service men. Space does not permit printing the pamphlet in full but we list below the Hints for Service Men:

1. Keep contact with your home.
2. Keep contact with your church and chapel.
3. Honor the uniform, watch your conduct.
4. Watch your personal appearance.
5. Select your companions carefully.
6. Live a morally clean life.
7. Dismiss thoughts of marriage as a private.
8. Be an active witness of the Lord Jesus Christ.
9. Ride some hobby, take recreation.
10. Learn to look upon commissioned and non-commissioned officers as your friends.
11. Show initiative, utilize opportunities.
12. Don't gamble or drink intoxicating beverages.
13. Establish for yourself a reputation for good character.
14. Be a soldier for Christ as well as for country.

(Editor's note: With the changing of a few words all the above is good advice for anyone.)

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SENATORS REPORT

(The following material is taken from the United States News, under the heading, "Five Senators Report on the War."—Editor.)

Senator Russell—"Men who live close to death think on the spiritual side of life. We attended church services at several places, and were much impressed by the manner in which the chaplains are carrying out their multifold duties. We likewise visited several cemeteries where rest those heroes who have made the supreme sacrifice. Even in the haste and confusion of war our honored dead have not been neglected. Those who have loved ones or friends who have fallen in battle would be comforted if they could see the well-kept cemeteries where they sleep and the solicitude of the chaplains in charge to have every grave properly marked amidst surroundings of appropriate dignity."

Senator Brewster—"On several Sundays, we were privileged to attend chapel services in various quarters of the globe and were many times in contact with the chaplains who carry on day in and day out looking after the welfare of the boys under their charge. One of the most inspiring memories of the trip is the beautiful chapel erected from bamboo and native woods and grass at Guadalcanal by the natives of this island in tribute to the Americans who delivered them from the Japanese occupation. At this spot we saw natives assembled to join in tribute to the American who had sacrificed so much in their behalf and in their simple service we saw a symbol of what America has come to mean to so many peoples of the earth."

Answers To Know Your Bible

(Feature on page 10.)

1. (First, second, third watch): First watch, from sunset to midnight; second watch, from midnight to cockcrow; third watch, from cockcrow to sunrise.

2. (Pillar of salt): Some writers claim that Lot's wife was "petrified," literally meaning turned to stone" by fear, when she turned back to see the destruction of "the cities of the plain."

3. (Parable): "Parable," (parable) comes from the Greek, which literally means "a placing beside," or a "comparison." "Parable" is rendered "comparison" in Mark 4:30.

4. (Meaning of "made bare his holy arm"): Making bare the "arm" can be described, "an expressive emblem of power to direct, overcome, control or seize, or in other words to make preparation for direct action. One writer (Moffat) refers to it thus: "All nations have seen the Eternal bare his sacred arm for action."

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"A—ask and it shall be given unto you
S—seek and ye shall find
K—knock and it shall be opened unto you."

The longer we live the stronger we believe in the power and nearness of God as a result of prayer. The foundations laid down through prayer were outlined and stressed by an humble Carpenter, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and by continuing to build from this foundation of brotherly love, faith in God, and prayer to Him, we find a definite and true rule, the only one whereby we of today and tomorrow may have peace and security. We cannot hope for peace unless God takes the lead to guide us aright. Realizing this, we continue to hope and pray that those who have the grave responsibility of drawing up the peace treaty shall remember that unless they let the laws of Jesus Christ influence their council, there shall be no peace, and within a few years our children shall have to face a situation even worse than the one we are facing today. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple." (Psalm 19:7.)

It does not matter what magnificent phrases are used to formulate a treaty, or who signs it, willingly or unwillingly, unless brotherhood and forgiveness, and an undying desire to forget, become the only law, there will be no peace. The Sermon on the Mount contains the Great Secret, only it is not a secret if we study His word and give heed to His teachings...

Often we feel the pangs of loneliness, helplessness, and despondency, but then comes a blessed assurance, and we know that no person who has interrupted his work for a moment to kneel and call upon the name of the Lord but has arisen with stronger faith and courage, and refreshed in spirit... Psalm 23:4 is an acknowledgement to Him of our faith in God, and we are greatly strengthened. We have accounts of soldiers faced by every kind of torture, staring death in the face constantly, white with fear, not so much the fear of death itself, but fear that they might be taken before they could make their stand for right, who have remembered that in their childhood they recited, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me," and fear dropped its cold, gripping hands from them, and they fought gallantly the battle for God, for Christianity, for freedom.

It has been said that it is a fanatical idea to think that we can send ours prayers abroad, that we can pray here in America for those who suffer in Europe, and think that God will come to their rescue, yet we are told in His word, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name that will I do, that My Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye ask anything in my name I will do." (John 14:13-14). . . Let our prayers be not selfish, for ourselves, for America only, but the peoples of all the world. In Luke Jesus teaches us to love our enemies, and pray for those who despitefully use us.

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CHAPLAIN CHASTAIN MAKES YEAR'S REPORT

Ministers as well as laymen will be interested in the report a chaplain must make of his work at the close of the year. The following is the report made by Chaplain F. J. Chastain, for the period ending December 31, 1943:

"I have given a New Testament to each man who has called at the office to procure one, signed it, and often recommended and marked special Scripture verses. I have also recommended and distributed personally many copies of booklets containing selections of Scripture for daily Bible reading and private devotions, such as "The Secret Place," "The Upper Room" and others.

The following is a statistical summary of duties performed during this period:

(a) Religious activities—Number of divine services conducted, 46; attendance, 6,800; number of sermons delivered in civilian churches, 3; attendance, 550; number of Sunday school and vespers services, 7; attendance, 120; number of baptismal services, 2; number of navy men baptized, 43; number of men joining church, 43; number of marriages, 1; number of funerals, 0.

(b) Secular activities—Lectures to recruits, 1; attendance, 1,650; men visited in hospitals, sick bays and briggs, 550; number letters written re: men, 750, and number navy relief cases handled, 85."

F. JUDSON CHASTAIN,
Great Lakes Naval Station.

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WHAT ARE YOU HOLDING FROM GOD'S SERVICE?

Has it ever occurred to you that you may be in possession of something—some talent, or some material thing, which could be used in God's service?

Let's recall the incidents of the cold that Jesus had need of, to fulfill the Scripture, when He came into Jerusalem to attend His last passover. It is a striking idea that the colt had never been used before and Jesus commanded that it be "loosed" that he might use it.

I believe we all have something that we might "loose" for the Master. We do not know what a blessing this thing, or that, might be when employed in His service. And, Oh! how much richer our lives would be by having done something for the Master.—Mrs. C. L. Clay, Louin, Miss.

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God is as a spark of light in a dark night. Herein lies a challenge to the Christian world—send out your gift of prayer to a lonely soldier on the battlefield, a sad, heartbroken mother at home, a sick, half-conscious boy in some base hospital, and have them realize this sustaining, satisfying power will comfort their hearts.

"I am the light of the world. He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." (John 3:12.) Through prayer, through faith in God, we shall have peace, not just a world without wars, but peace with God in His Holy Kingdom. Let Us Pray!

SUGGESTS TEN RULES FOR "EFFECTIVE" PRAYER

New York—Ten rules for "effective" prayer were suggested in a sermon by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, pastor of the Marble Collegiate Reformed church here. The rules are:

1. Set aside a few minutes to be alone and quiet. Relax body, mind, and spirit by turning the thoughts away from problems and fixing the mind on God. Think about Him in the way that is most natural.

2. Talk to God simply and naturally, telling Him anything that is on your mind, and do not think you have to use formal words and phrases. Talk to Him in your own language, for He understands it.

3. Practice talking to God as you go about the business of the day. On the subway or bus, or at your desk, close your eyes for just a moment, to shut out the world, and have a word or two with God. This will remind you of His presence and give you a sense of His nearness.

4. Affirm the fact that God is with you and helping you. That is to say, do not always beseech God, asking Him for His blessings, but affirm the fact that He is giving you His blessings.

5. Pray with the thought that your prayers reach out instantly over land and sea and throw their protection around your loved ones, and also surround them with God's love.

6. Think positive, not negative, thoughts when you pray.

7. Always state in your prayer that you are willing to accept God's will, whatever it is. You can ask Him for what you want, but express willingness to take what He wants.

8. In your prayer simply put everything in God's hands. Pray for strength to do your best, and with confidence leave the rest to God.

9. Say a word of prayer for people who do not like you or have treated you badly. This will help them and release tremendous power in you.

10. At some time during the day say a word of prayer for our country, for the President, and for the armed forces, and ask for victory and a lasting peace.

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HOME BOARD DECLINES GIFT OF RADIO EQUIPMENT

By Joe W. Burton

At the annual meeting of the Home Mission Board Rev. E. J. Daniels, originator of "Faith of Our Fathers" radio program, offered to the Board his entire transcription equipment, valued at \$25,000.

Brother Daniels stated that the only condition in the offer was that the Home Mission Board continue the weekly broadcast of a gospel program.

The response to his program over thirty-nine stations, practically covering the Southern Baptist Convention territory, Brother Daniels said, had convinced him that an evangelistic program involving good singing and Bible preaching would reach the great masses of people. He said that he was convinced that such a program should be on the air regularly sponsored by the Home Mission Board since it is the agency that has been set up to evangelize the southland.

The Home Mission Board, feeling that it was not in a position to accept this offer at the present time, did not act on Brother Daniels' proposition.

HEALING HUMANITY'S HURT

By Louis J. Bristow
Superintendent

In less than 20 years Southern Baptists have established and developed a hospital in New Orleans which today is one of the outstanding institutions of healing in the United States. Today it stands fully paid for, at a cost of nearly two million dollars, a Baptist contribution to society.

The task of building and development has not been an easy one. At first there was no money, and there was opposition to the Convention going into hospital business. Several states declined to contribute to the hospital through the cooperative plan; and it was not until 1940 that all of them did so. Opposition to the hospital was voiced by great and good men not only, but also by several of the more influential denominational papers. The president of the Convention in his opening address in 1927 recommended that the Convention go out of the hospital business; and an "efficiency committee" in 1928 recommended that we dispose of the hospital (see Convention minutes for 1927 and 1928). One Baptist paper said the effort to establish a hospital in New Orleans "will be futile and highly injurious to all our other causes... This whole enterprise will collapse." One highly esteemed brother proposed in a published article that the hospital be given away or turned over to its creditors. Our allocation was reduced from 3% to 1½%.

Then came the economic depression, when many banks and business houses were wrecked. The hospital went through it all, paying its obligations 100 cents on the dollar, interest and principal, the day the debt was due. It has never closed a year with an operating deficit, and today it is here, an outstanding Baptist institution, fully paid for and serving humanity. I believe it is because God's blessing has been upon it; and all the praise is His.

In 1943 we admitted 19,920 bed patients, gave 4,417 treatment who were not put to bed, and there were 2,326 babies born. The cash income was \$1,124,637.60. We paid the balance of our debt, \$149,000, and bought \$50,000 of government securities. Among religious denominations of our patients in the order of numbers were: Catholics, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Jews, Evangelicals, Christians, Christian Scientists, Church of Christ, Greek Orthodox, Latter Day Saints, Seventh Day Adventists, Congregationalists, Unitarians, Nazarenes, Quakers, Jehovah's Witnesses, Holiness, and 22 others. Thus we touch all types.

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Mrs. Smith: "How did Henry get on with his history examinations, my dear?"

Mrs. Jones: "He failed. What else can you expect? Why, they asked him questions about things that happened before he was born."

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Volunteer participation of pastors and people is being relied on to complete the Blue Mountain College endowment fund. Is your church on the Glory Roll? Why not get it there at once?